

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Location: Board of Commissioners meeting room, Walton County Government Building, Third Floor

Board Members Present: Jim Luke (Chairman) Jeff Benko
Timmy Shelnett Chuck Bagley (alt)
Lamar Palmer Vickie Gasaway

Others Present: Bill Crowder Neal Jackson Kirby Atkinson
Jimmy Parker Chris Atkinson Bruce Williamson
Alan Theriault Chuck Horton Morris Jordan
Herman McCart Jason Wall Sharon Swanepoel
Erin France

1. **Review/Approval of April 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes.**
Approved – motion by Palmer, second by Bagley.
2. **Board held Joint Meeting with Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority**
3. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - Jimmy Parker presented overview on budget report for April 2011 and May 2011.
 - Jimmy Parker and Bill Crowder reviewed FY 2012 construction budget. Chairman Luke opened floor to questions or comments from the public on the budget. Budget approved on motion by Benko, second by Palmer, passed unanimously.
 - J. Benko reviewed proposal for arbitrage rebate services related to 2008 bond issuances (which covers bond issues backed by both Walton and Oconee Counties). Motion by Gasaway, second by Palmer approved unanimously.
4. **Land Acquisition**
 - **Monthly progress update**
Jimmy Parker reviewed status of land acquisition (see Agenda for parcel numbers and acreage statistics).
 - Chairman Luke reviewed Third Amendment to Land Acquisition Services Agreement with Neal Jackson providing for \$2,400 per parcel fee – Motion by Gasaway, second by Benko, approved unanimously.
5. **Dam/Reservoir Construction**
 - **Dam Design Services: Schnabel Engineering South.** Jimmy Parker updated Board that Safe Dams Permit was approved April 26, 2011. Design approval is valid through November 1, 2012, and construction permit is valid through March

31, 2013; J. Parker advised that extensions would be needed if dam construction had not commenced by those dates.

- **GTC Relocation** – Jimmy Parker reported on status of GTC relocation and advised that right-of-way acquisition was in progress, and pole installation was complete on acquired properties.
- **Social Circle-Fairplay Road Relocation (Clough Harbor Associates):**
 - Jimmy Parker advised that project was ready for construction.
- **Mount Paran Church Road Culvert.**
 - Jimmy Parker advised that project was ready for construction.

6. **Reservoir Intake Structure Design (CH2M-Hill).**

- Jimmy Parker advised design complete, permitting underway and awaiting EPD final approval letter.

7. **Project Mitigation**

- **Mitigation Construction** –
 - **Pleasant Valley Road site** – Bill Crowder advised that mitigation construction was complete, year 1 of 7-year monitoring underway.
 - **Apalachee River Site**– Bill Crowder advised that mitigation construction was complete, year 1 of 7-year monitoring underway.
 - **Oconee Veterans Park and Rocky Branch LAS Sites** – Bill Crowder advised that mitigation construction was complete, and year 1 of 7-year monitoring underway.
 - **Heritage Park Site** – Bill Crowder reviewed bid opening on Jun 16, 2011; three bids were received. Board approved award of construction contract to Blount Construction (low bidder) in amount of \$1,031,792.55. Motion by Bagley, second by Gasaway, approved unanimously, with contract subject to attorney review.
 - Bill Crowder reviewed construction services proposal from Trail Design Specialists, hourly not to exceed \$12,000.00 (motion by Bagley, second by Gasaway, approved unanimously, with contract subject to attorney review).
 - **Register Nelson Addendum for FY 2012 Biological, Water Quality and Stream Flow** - Bill Crowder reviewed addendum in amount of \$48,680.00. Board approved on motion by Palmer, second by Bagley, approved unanimously.
 - **Purchase of replacement stream flow monitoring unit for Hard Labor Creek.** Bill Crowder reviewed. Board approved purchase of Grey Line Stingray portable level velocity monitor in the amount of \$3,295 on motion by Gasaway, second by Benko, approved unanimously.

8. **Other Issues**

- **Governor's Water Supply Program** – Jimmy Parker reviewed May 26, 2011 water supply task force meeting and potential funding options at the state level.

9. **Public Comment –**
 - Jason Wall stated the fee to Neal Jackson was more than fair. Herman McCart stated he is opposed to state involvement in the project.

10. **Executive Session**
 - Board entered Executive Session to discuss land acquisition matters and pending litigation (motion by Benko, second by Palmer, approved unanimously).
 - Board exited Executive Session (motion by Palmer, second by Benko, approved unanimously).
 - No decisions were made in Executive Session (see affidavit included with these minutes).

 - Next meeting date is August 16, 2011.

11. **Adjourn:** Motion by Benko, second by Palmer, approved unanimously.