

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2011

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

Board Members Present: Jim Luke (Chairman) Jeff Benko
Kevin Little Gerald Atha (alt)
Lamar Palmer Vickie Gasaway
Chris Thomas (alt)

Others Present: Bill Crowder Neal Jackson Kirby Atkinson
Jimmy Parker Chris Atkinson Justin Bush
Chuck Horton Morris Jordan Sharon Swanepoel
Chuck Bagley

1. **Review/Approval of June 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes.**
Approved – motion by Little, second by Palmer.
2. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - Jimmy Parker presented overview on budget report for June 2011 and July 2011.
3. **Land Acquisition**
 - **Monthly progress update**
Jimmy Parker reviewed status of land acquisition (see Agenda for parcel numbers and acreage statistics).
4. **Dam/Reservoir Construction** – Jimmy Parker advised that items under this heading were the same status as last month
 - **Dam Design Services: Schnabel Engineering South.** Safe Dams Permit Approved April 26, 2011. Design approval valid through November 1, 2012. Construction Permit valid through March 31, 2013.
 - **GTC Relocation** – R/W acquisition in progress, pole installation completed on acquired properties.
 - **Social Circle-Fairplay Road Relocation (Clough Harbor Associates):**
 - Design and permitting completed, project ready for construction.
 - **Mount Paran Church Road Culvert.**
 - Design and permitting completed, project ready for construction.
5. **Reservoir Intake Structure Design (CH2M-Hill).**
 - Jimmy Parker advised design complete, permitting complete and project ready for construction. EPD approval letter valid for 1 year.
6. **Project Mitigation**
 - **Mitigation Construction** –

- **Pleasant Valley Road site** – Bill Crowder advised that mitigation construction was complete, year 1 of 7-year monitoring underway. Bill Crowder discussed as-built reports prepared by Register-Nelson; executive summaries of each of 4 sites presented.
- **Heritage Park Site** – Bill Crowder advised pre-construction meeting held on July 26, 2011, notice to proceed issued August 8, 2011, and trail relocation underway, stream restoration to begin August 22nd, with completion expected December 6, 2011.
- **Discuss Request from Southern Regional Water Program to Tour Oconee Mitigation Sites** - Jimmy Parker reviewed conference and recommendation to allow access to tours to Oconee Veterans Park site (since other sites are difficult to access or under construction). Board consensus was to allow tours.

7. **Other Issues**

- **Governor's Water Supply Program** – Jimmy Parker reviewed June 23, 2011 water supply task force meeting and related matters. State is looking at grants and loans for funding reservoirs, and with grants state is looking at property ownership options (as opposed to any ownership of the water supply rights).

8. **Public Comment –**

- Chuck Horton (Oconee County Commissioner) was interested in investigating further re-use of water.

9. **Executive Session**

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

- Next meeting date is September 20, 2011.

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