

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2011

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

Board Members Present: Jim Luke (Chairman) Jeff Benko
Kevin Little Timmy Shelnett
Lamar Palmer Chuck Bagley (alt)
Chuck Horton

Others Present: Bill Crowder Kirby Atkinson Eric McKenna, WSI
Jimmy Parker Chris Atkinson Robbie Schwartz
Neal Jackson Morris Jordan

1. **Review/Approval of September 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes.**

Approved – motion by Little, second by Benko. C. Horton abstained from vote, as he was not a member of Board for September 20, 2011 meeting. Chairman Jim Luke noted that Chuck Horton has been appointed as a member of the Board by the Oconee County Board of Commissioners. It was also noted that this meeting was a joint meeting with the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority.

2. **Project Financing/Budget.**

- Jimmy Parker presented overview on budget report for September 2011 and October 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 and Permitting Complete.**
- **Reservoir Intake Structure Design and Permitting Complete.**
- **Road Relocation Design and Permitting Complete**
 - Social Circle-Fairplay Road Relocation
 - Mount Paron Church Road Culvert
- **GTC Relocation** – R/W acquisition in progress, pole installation completed on acquired properties.

5. **Project Mitigation**

- **Heritage Park Site (Blount Construction)** – Bill Crowder reviewed the following:

- **Construction 95% complete.**
- **Anticipated completion date: December 6, 2011.**
- **Review bid process and consider Recommendation of Award for the Heritage Park Vegetative Planting Contract** – Bill Crowder reviewed both bids received (and bid packages were made available to the Board). Board voted to award contract to the low bidder, Grassroots Landscape Management, Inc. in the amount of \$39,409.50. Motion by Little, second by Benko, approved unanimously.
- **Trail Signage Reimbursement to OCPRD** - Bill Crowder reviewed reimbursement to Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed \$400 for the cost of having to relocate and refurbish signs as a result of mitigation construction. Motion by Horton to approve, second by Little, approved unanimously.

6. **Other Issues**

- **Nomination/Election of Officers for 2012 (Chair and Vice Chair)** – Motion by Palmer for Kevin Little to serve as Chair, second by Horton, approved unanimously. Motion by Benko for Jim Luke to serve as Vice Chair, second by Little, approved unanimously.
- **Update on Governour's Water Supply Program** – Jimmy Parker reviewed the following:
 - **Meeting with Governor & Staff** – October 3, 2011.
 - **Follow up letter** – October 19, 2011
 - **Next Water Supply Task Force Meeting** – November 16th
 - **Public Comment Period (November 21st – December 8th)**
 - **Final Recommendations to Governor – Late December 2011**

7. **Public Comment –**

- None.

8. **Executive Session**

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

- Next meeting date is January 17, 2012.

9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Benko, second by Little, approved unanimously.