

Meeting Minutes – Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board

Date: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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

Board Members Present: Kevin Little (Vice Chairman) Lamar Palmer
Mark Saxon Rob Kiser Jeff Benko John Caudill

Others Present: Bill Crowder Chris Thomas Ryan Smith Neal Jackson
Jimmy Parker Chuck Bagley Brad Johnson Ken Masten
Chris Atkinson Lee Becker John Brennan Chuck Horton
Morris Jordan Ken Watson Joan Brennan

1. **Review/Approval of September 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes.**
Approved unanimously – motion by Saxon, second by Cox.
2. **Project Financing/Budget.**
 - Review Monthly Construction Budget Report for September and October 2013. Jimmy Parker reviewed budget report. Bill Crowder noted the anticipated closing date for the second GEFA loan would be approximately June 2014.
3. **Land Acquisition**
 - **Monthly progress update**
Jimmy Parker reviewed status of land acquisition (see Agenda for parcel numbers and acreage statistics).
 - Property Management/ Maintenance.
 - Discuss remnant property and disposition of existing house acquired from tax parcel 185-70 (Sells) – Board discussed options for this property which will be landlocked by the reservoir pool. Neal Jackson has had discussions with adjacent landowner, but due to problems with utilities and other factors, such owner has no interest. Board wants to explore all on options, but also directed PPI to obtain quotes on demolition costs on motion by Palmer, second by Benko, passed unanimously.
4. **Dam/Reservoir Construction** – Jimmy Parker reviewed.
 - Clearing and grubbing complete at the dam site
 - Diversion pipe system and cofferdam installed
 - Grading operations underway
 - Review progress photos
 - Project completion: January 20, 2015
5. **Georgia Transmission (GTC) Relocation** – J. Parker provided status update:
 - Negotiations with final property owner are in progress

6. **Road Relocation** – J. Parker reviewed the following:
- **Social Circle-Fairplay Road Relocation (ER Snell Contractor, Inc.)**
 - Grading 80% complete
 - Five bridge No. 2 bents complete
 - Beam installation began Monday 11/11/13
 - Review progress photos
 - Projected completion: March 2015 (contract provides for August 2015)
 - **Mount Paron Church Road Culvert. (ER Snell)**
 - Construction of concrete box culvert complete
 - Backfilling underway
 - Review progress photos
 - Project completion: April 2014.
 - **Miscellaneous Road Improvements (Termination /Cul-de-sacs):**
 - Advertise for bids: January 2014
7. **Raw Water Intake Facility (AllSouth Constructors, Inc)** – Jimmy Parker reviewed the following:
- Grading complete
 - Base slab complete, wall construction underway
 - Review progress photos
 - Project Completion: August 2014
8. **Future Recreation** – J. Parker reviewed the following:
- **Review existing recreation and public access areas at Bear Creek and Lake Varner** – Board reviewed aerial photos
 - **Discuss future recreational goals for the HLC Reservoir project** (Board discussed)
 - Number and location of HLC public access boat ramps
 - Design and construction schedule – Board discussed efficiencies in constructing boat ramps prior to lake filling
 - Stocking for recreational fishing
 - **Appointment of RMB Recreation Committee to evaluate recreational alternatives, development costs and operational requirements.**
 - Committee of K. Little, R. Kiser and C. Thomas made on motion by Benko, second by Palmer, passed unanimously.
9. **Other Business**

- Review groundbreaking ceremony (October 4, 2013)– Board discussed the following:
 - Event planning services – donated by Shane Short, Executive Director, Development Authority of Walton County
 - Site preparation: Walton County Public Works
 - Expenses: Invitations, Postage, Photographer, Boards/Graphics, and Rentals (tent, chairs, tables, sound, stage, toilets, etc)
 - Expense budget: \$2,500
 - Actual Expenses: \$2,390.14
- Discuss update of HLC website (Construction Phase) – Board discussed scheduling information, notices, updated photos, etc. Board authorized PPI to solicit pricing from jbrownco.net on motion by Saxon, second by Benko, passed unanimously.

10. **Public Comment** – John Brennan stated he was impressed with the progress of the reservoir project and stated his support of the reservoir project.

11. **Executive Session**

- Board entered Executive Session to discuss land acquisition matters (motion by Kiser, second by Saxon, approved unanimously).
- Board exited Executive Session (motion by Kiser, second by Saxon, approved unanimously)
- No decisions were made in Executive Session (see affidavit included with these minutes).

Board authorized and directed attorney to respond to Brennan land sale proposal and reject same, on motion by Kiser, second by Caudill, approved unanimously.

Next meeting date is January 21, 2014.

12. **Adjourn:** Board adjourned.