



SWA

Sinclair Water Authority

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Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2019 ♦ 5:00 PM

Sinclair Water Plant

The Sinclair Water Authority met on Monday, January 28, 2019 at approximately 5:00 PM at the Sinclair Water Plant, 126 Cay Drive, Milledgeville, Georgia

PRESENT

Chairperson Joan Minton

Member Trevor Addison

Member Sammy Hall

Member Donna Van Haute

Member David Waddell

STAFF PRESENT

Plant Manager Joey Witcher

Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Minton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m.

(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

2. Public Participation

Putnam BOC Chairman Billy Webster formally let the SWA board members know that he declined to serve on the board and that Commissioner Addison volunteered to serve so he is pleased to offer him as substitute. He further advised that he plans to stay engaged but will not be able to attend every meeting.

Chairperson Minton introduced Lynn Butterworth as the new clerk for the Sinclair Water Authority.

Minutes

3. Approval of Minutes - November 19, 2018

Motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Minutes.

Motion made by Member Hall, Seconded by Member Van Haute.

Voting Yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell, Chairperson Minton

Reports 1

4. Manager's Report - Joey Witcher

Plant Manager Joey Witcher reported the following:

- The CLO2 is currently off line to allow each system to monitor for TTHMs without it to determine its necessity in the cold weather months. SWA staff is in favor of feeding it year-round due to the other benefits in taste and odor control as well as its superior ability to treat Iron and Manganese. Before shutting it down the staff had multiple stoppages in feed at night which caused gaps in the feed, some of which were multiple hours long. Anytime the machine senses a loss in vacuum or flow it shuts down and the generator stays off until the next day when the next shift shows up so that there are two people at the plant. Sometimes it's all night meaning close to half the water treated that day is not treated with CLO2. If SWA had two people per shift this would not be an issue as someone could go to the intake when they get an alarm and reset the generator. Mr. Alex Wiseman presented a DBP Evaluation-Comparison of Alternatives and he and Plant Manager Witcher recommend alternative #5, a Purate System with Bulk Chemical Supply at \$151,000. The Board asked for a manufacturer's rep to look at the system and see if adjustments can be made.
(Copy of documents made a part of the minutes.)
- A membrane replacement plan proposal from Suez was presented. It is a guaranteed price for a ten-year period. Plant Manager Witcher asked the board to think about the proposal. The Board asked Plant Manager Witcher to have the attorney look over the proposal for the next meeting.
(Copy of documents made a part of the minutes.)
- Georgia Power Discharge - Several members of the SWA Board and Commissioners from both Baldwin and Putnam Counties attended tours of the Georgia Power dewatering facility earlier this month. The facility is, for all intents and purposes, a drinking water treatment plant which uses a filtration ballast, either sand or magnetite, in the sedimentation process. Properly operated, monitored and maintained it should be able to remove the contaminants listed on the Georgia Power dewatering plan **provided** the pond water is in the proper condition. Georgia Power personnel explained the schedule of monitoring and some tour attendees had concerns about the time from collection to the results being available to the public. It is possible that results could be more than a month old before the public could see them. Plant Manager Witcher advised that we may need to do our own testing and provided a quote. The Board asked him to check with Georgia Power officials and see how often they will be testing and if results will be shared with SWA.

- Arsenic testing has been done for two years without seeing any. Does the board wish to continue testing? The board advised to keep doing what has been done in the past until Georgia Power's intentions can be confirmed.
- Algae issues - a boat is needed to continue algae treatments. A quote was received to purchase a new boat for \$12,000 and an email from Mark Gatlin was distributed. The board requested additional quotes to include new and used boats.
(Copy of email made a part of the minutes.)
- Generator Grant Application - Mr. Alex Wiseman distributed information on the GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to help in obtaining a backup generator. Motion to instruct Carter & Sloope to authorize the pre-application.

Motion made by Member Van Haute, Seconded by Member Addison.

Voting Yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell, Chairperson Minton

(Copy of grant program information made a part of the minutes.)

- Bank CD's update - an email was received from Exchange Bank with current CD rates and information for a new CD. Motion to authorize Plant Manager Witcher to issue an RFP for CD rates.

Motion made by Member Waddell, Seconded by Member Van Haute

Voting yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell, Chairperson Minton

(Copy of email made a part of the minutes.)

Old Business

5. Trees on the Spurgeon/Intake property

Plant Manager Witcher advised that he received quotes from Precision Tree Service for \$3800.00 and Kennedy and Sons for \$1500.00 to cut down a path to the shoreline through the woods to the leaning trees for access to haul off. Member Van Haute requested that he contact at least one other vendor for price comparison.

Motion to authorize Plant Manager Witcher to proceed with the lowest quote for tree removal on the Spurgeon/Intake property.

Motion made by Member Waddell, Seconded by Member Hall.

Voting Yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell, Chairperson Minton

(Copy of quotes made a part of the minutes.)

6. Committee Report on Intake Improvements

No discussion or action.

New Business

7. Proposed Legislation of Board-Sect 6 HB398; The Act that created SWA
Chairperson Minton distributed a handout with a change to the Local Legislation creating the Sinclair Water Authority. She would like this sent to Baldwin and Putnam counties for comments.

Motion to approve submitting the Local Legislation change request to Baldwin and Putnam counties.

Motion made by Member Hall, Seconded by Member Addison.

Voting Yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell, Chairperson Minton

(Copy of language made a part of the minutes.)

8. Proposal from Alex Wiseman of Carter & Sloope on the execution of the Generator Grant Application

This item was discussed during the Plant Manager's report.

Reports II

9. Plant Production Reports

Chairperson Minton advised that the Plant Production reports were in the meeting package to review. No action was taken.

10. Financial Reports

Chairperson Minton advised that the Financial reports were in the meeting package to review. No action was taken.

Health Care & Benefits Committee Meeting Date:

Member Van Haute advised that she met with Jonathan Shaw of ShawHankins and he will review the Health Care and Benefits information. She and Chairperson Minton will meet to discuss after his review. No action was taken.

Closing

11. Next Meeting - March 18, 2019

Chairperson Minton advised that the next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Member Hall, Seconded by Member Van Haute.

**Voting Yea: Member Addison, Member Hall, Member Van Haute, Member Waddell,
Chairperson Minton**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
Clerk

Joan Minton
Chairperson