



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair
John Craddock, Vice Chair
Dr. Chester Aikens
Lawrence Jones
Harriet McDonald
Al Sinclair

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the December 14, 2005 Board Meeting.

General Items/Discussion/Questions

Finance Committee Meeting Update

The Finance Committee met today and determined to present two loan requests to the Board – Hendricks Day School and Church Fellowship Worship Ministries. Hendricks Day School will send an updated appraisal; however, the request is not contingent upon that.

Motion to move forward with the Hendricks Day School request was given by Mr. Sinclair and seconded by Ms. McDonald, and voted in favor of all Board Members.

Motion to move forward with the Church Fellowship Worship Ministries request was given by Mr. Sinclair, seconded by Ms. McDonald, and voted in favor of all Board Members.

River Impact Subcommittee Update

The Subcommittee met today and discussed the positive publicity the river is receiving in the paper, ways to raise funds, the Mayor's initiative to tighten septic tank rules and regulations, and the affects of TMDL.

Program Delivery Team (PDT)

Final stages of negotiations; will move forward within the next two weeks and will be off and running.

Funding Update (use handout to update status)

- Mr. Odom was absent from the last December Board Meeting because of meeting with Congress and several Representatives regarding WSEA funding options.
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) - \$25 Million
- State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) – Future - \$2 Million
- State Revolving Fund (SRF) – Preconstruction loan offered to WSEA from FDEP. P

Interlocal Agreement

The draft agreement remains in the hands of the city.

Partnership with EQD / Health Department / TAT

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load (how much the river is allowed to be polluted daily – storm water runoff, septic tanks, treatment plants, any point of discharge). A workshop is needed to educate what it will mean to the city – it will affect how WSEA does business. This is a huge issue with the EPA, the Riverkeeper, and the entire City of Jacksonville. It is Federal Government mandated. As discussed in the River Impact Subcommittee meeting today, the intention is to have a workshop at their next meeting in February. A high-level presentation to explain the impacts of TMDL will be given to the Board in February.

Status of Current Projects

Triangle Estates – Sewer – restoration work is in the completion phase.

Lavilla Sportsman Club – Sewer – construction is 90 percent complete. Original contractor abandoned the job; another contractor had to come in.

Wagner Road – Water and Sewer –church (Hope Chapel) no longer interested in the project. Will expand their current septic tank system.

Iroquois/Milam and Country Club/Forest Park – Sewer – bids are in; have identified the low bidder. A community meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2006. Hope to have contracts in the hands of homeowners before the 2/16 meeting. There are 44 homeowners; one homeowner has not responded; therefore, have to consider them as not interested. The contractor on this project is a different one from Triangle Estates.

Pine Forest – Sewer – construction is 60 percent complete – moving along quickly.

McGlothin/Buttercup – Water – finalizing construction loan agreement. Jacksonville Heights area, District 10. The contractor is currently completing documentation.

Shakir Economy Motel – Sewer – finalizing contract documents. OGC requested additional documents – not yet received. Still in engineering stage – not ready for construction phase. Delay is not due to WSEA/JEA/City. May need to revisit and streamline the process for non-residential agreements.

Unitarian Universalist Church – proceeding for council approval.

Cannon Street – Water – approved by this Board last month; proceeding for council approval. Councilwoman Jones is requesting an emergency to get through council.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Ortega Forest – Sewer – February 27, 2006

- Across US17 from Triangle Estates area. Huge need for sewer. The 2/27/06 meeting will be a broad, introductory type meeting to advise the homeowners who we are and what we do to find out who is serious to determine their level of need.

Other Items for Discussion

The next Board meetings are scheduled for February 8, 2006, in City Hall Committee Room A, as follows: The River Impact Subcommittee Meeting will be held at 1:00 PM, the Finance Subcommittee Meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, and the Board Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM.

Request for Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned.