



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2005
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attending Members:
Jeanell Wilson, Chair
John Craddock, Vice Chair
Lawrence Jones
Harriet McDonald
Susan Rudd
Al Sinclair

Chair Jeanell Wilson called the meeting to order – quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the January 12, 2005 Board Meeting and from the January 20, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting.

Committee Updates:

Finance Committee

Mr. Sinclair reported the committee met just before this meeting. Committee members thoroughly discussed and approved the WSEA Financing Application. Two new projects were presented to the Committee, approved for moving forward and recommended to the Board for approval.

Recruitment Committee

Mr. Craddock reported the committee has not yet met. Mr. Craddock has met with Fred Odom and Sherry Hall in discussions. Mr. Odom recommended the Recruitment Committee meet before the next Board Meeting.

General Items/Discussion

Seventh Board Member

Anticipate the seventh Board Member to attend the next Board Meeting in March – Dr. Chester Aikens is very excited about joining the Board. He is currently in the process of being Council approved, which may not be complete until April due to having to go through the required three readings w/Council. Dr. Aikens can sit in meetings before then, but cannot vote.

Election of Board Officers

Election of Board Members will occur in April.

WSEA Project List

WSEA project list was provided to all board members for review.

- Approved Projects (approved by Council)
- Potential Projects
- Conceptual Projects (interested parties)

EPA Grant Update

During the week of February 14, 2005, Mr. Odom travels to Washington concerning a \$100 million grant. If granted, EPA will require facts on how the funds will be utilized, such as that we started with taking the septic tank failure areas and evolved it into the WSEA conceptual facilities plan.

State Revolving Fund Update

Mr. Odom will attend a meeting February 18, 2005 in Tallahassee regarding state revolving funds to gain approval for \$100 million. Six funding sources have been identified, including EPA Grants, Core Grants and State and Federal Level Funding. Recommendations for funding sources will be presented at the March 2005 Board Meeting.

Status of Current Projects

- **Triangle Estates** – great groundbreaking ceremony with the Mayor, the media, and many residents in attendance. The ceremony generated interest from many other neighborhoods.
- **YMCA** – attorneys still reviewing documentation.
- **Drury Lane** – continuing progress.
- **Clark Road** – financial statements/property survey/current mortgage/application continuing.
- **LaVilla Sportsman Club** – approved by Council on January 25, 2005; moving forward.
- **Nate Circle** – scheduled for Council vote on March 8, 2005.
- **Wagner Road** – moving forward through Council approval process.

New Project Presentations

Iroquois Avenue/Milam Road and Forest Park/Country Club Road

Two new projects were presented to the Finance Committee today at a 1 p.m. meeting. Both projects are sewer only. Community meetings were previously held that generated very positive response – over 50 percent interested in participating. Seek to gain Board approval today to enable moving forward for Council approval.

The Finance Committee approved the two new projects for moving forward and are recommended to the Board for approval of such.

Motion for approval to move forward with Iroquois Avenue/Milam Road was moved by Al Sinclair, second by Susan Rudd and voted in favor by all Board Members.

Motion for approval to move forward with Forest Park/Country Club Road was moved by Al Sinclair, second by Susan Rudd and voted in favor by all Board Members.

Outreach/Communication Update

- Great coverage of the Triangle Estates Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- Great attendance at the Iroquois/Milam and Forest Park/Country Club Road on 2/1/05
- Will conduct a community meeting with the Picketville Homeowners Association on March 4, 2005
- WSEA has no soft cost funding at all. Looking ahead at what will be needed to absorb costs; WSEA will need its own operating budget. Some points of interest to consider include:
 - Sherry Hall will be on leave for approximately 8 weeks starting in late May. An assistant will soon be recruited to work with Ms. Hall before and during her leave.
 - A GIS person will be added to staff.
 - Need to demonstrate to City Council that this project work could take off during the first year without additional funding – have done so to this point, but now have come to the point where funding will be needed. Recommendations will be presented at the March Board Meeting.
- Will be looking to approve an annual budget each year moving forward. Should be ready for recommendations to be presented at the March Board Meeting.

Other Issues for Discussion

- Chair Wilson thanked all attendees for their presence.
- Councilman Corrigan stated he is extremely excited about the program. He and Councilwoman Jones continue striving to educate other council members regarding the program. Councilman Corrigan is very excited about being one of the two City Council liaisons to this program.
- Chair Wilson stated she was very excited to see all the community residents attend the Triangle Estates Groundbreaking.

Meeting Adjourned.