



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

Dr. Chester Aikens, Acting Chair
John Craddock
Lawrence Jones
Harriet McDonald
Susan Rudd
Al Sinclair

Dr. Aikens, Acting Chair in Chair Wilson's absence, called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the February 14, 2007 Board Meeting.

General Update

Program Delivery Team (PDT)

Moving forward executing task authorizations. Authorization #7, Facility Plan is in progress. Also, modifying boundaries for septic tank failure areas.

Agreement has been reached with City and JEA on how to complete all parts of the WSEA Facility Plan – the needs for this Fiscal Year and for next year.

Funding Status Update

WRDA – Markups due this week on home bill

STAG – Markups due this week on home bill

SJRWMD – \$12.0 Million: The only obstruction is the budgetary constraint with the State's budget.

COJ – Working with Public Works and JEA for additional funding for the PDT to continue blending the three entities into the River Accord; in the process of drafting white papers for this fiscal year and for next year.

Mr. Odom traveled to D.C. the week of February 26 to attend meetings to resurrect funding mechanisms. Following those meetings, conclusion was made that the WSEA is in good shape to receive funding. Markups are due on the bills next week; should have WRDA and STAG completion by September, which is promising. The State grant is the

most desired; however, the State's budget is the biggest constraint for obtaining such. The importance of receiving those grant funds was stressed to the Governor; if budget shortfalls do not interfere, there is great possibility to receive the funds. The Governor agrees with the importance of the WSEA program.

The State Revolving Fund loan is ready for signing; however, we want the other funding sources to implement before doing so. The State Revolving Fund would be essential as an interim solution, a dedicated funding source.

Mr. Odom will return to D.C. toward the end of April, which should be last time needed before the bills are signed.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chair Sinclair reported the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting at 1:00 PM today and discussed three projects/issues – Church Fellowship Worship, Tree Hill Nature Center, and The Hartley Press:

Church Fellowship Worship loan:

The original loan amount of \$95,000 was previously approved by the Board and by City Council. The requested increase of \$23,000 was approved by the Board at the 2/14/07 Board Meeting and awaits City Council approval. Chair Sinclair requests the Board approve moving forward with closing at the total loan amount of \$118,000, although the \$23,000 awaits City Council approval, to allow Church Fellowship Worship to proceed.

Motion to approve moving forward with closing at the total loan amount of \$118,000 for Church Fellowship Worship was given by Chair Sinclair, second by Ms. McDonald, and voted in favor by all Board Members in attendance.

Tree Hill Inc. – Sewer – District 1:

The original loan amount of \$100,000 was previously approved by the Board at the 2/14/07 Board Meeting. Tree Hill Inc. now requests a \$38,000 increase, totaling the loan amount to \$138,000. Chair Sinclair requests the Board approve the requested \$38,000 increase making the total loan amount \$138,000.

Motion to approve the increased loan amount from \$100,000 to \$138,000 for Tree Hill Inc. was given by Chair Sinclair, second by Ms. Rudd, and voted in favor by all Board Members in attendance.

The Hartley Press – Sewer – District 5:

A new request. The Hartley Press is a successful business that has operated in Jacksonville for a long time, it runs well, and is a good corporate citizen. The business has been under the failed septic system and now wants to connect to City. The Hartley Press requests a loan of \$231,000, which would be a second mortgage loan. The Finance Committee received and reviewed all financial records needed to determine good position, good cash

flow, and good worth; no difficulty for repayment of loan. Chair Sinclair recommends the Board approve the \$231,000 loan request.

Motion to approve moving forward with The Hartley Press project, requested loan amount of \$231,000, was given by Chair Sinclair, second by Ms. Rudd, and voted in favor by all Board Members in attendance.

Status of Current Projects

- Forest Park – Sewer
 - Construction is complete. Line is cleared for connection and homeowners are in the process of connecting to line.
- Shakir Economy Motel – Water
 - Working towards closing, this should be completed by April.
- Unitarian Universalist Church – Water and Sewer
 - Construction is nearing completion.
- Church Fellowship Worship – Sewer
 - As Board approved today, moving forward with closing at the total loan amount of \$118,000.
- Hendricks Day School – Sewer
 - Closed in early March.
- D&W Electric – Water and Sewer
 - Closing was delayed due to missing document from D&W. Once document is received, closing can take place.
- Glendale Road – Water
 - Closing documents are being prepared for each homeowner.

Items for Discussion

None

Next Meeting

April 11, 2007, City Hall Committee Room A

Request for Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned.