

**WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 13, 2009  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Location: City Hall, Don Davis Room

**Attendees:**

Jeanell Wilson, Chair  
John Craddock, Vice Chair  
Lawrence Jones  
Susan Rudd  
Al Sinclair  
Pete Jackson

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the April 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

**General Update**

1. Nutrient Study: FDEP, EQD, and FIT conducted a site visit to the study areas last Tuesday to look at the sites where homeowners have granted permission to install sampling tubes. Plans are to install sampling instruments in June and conduct the first round of sampling in July. The sampling sites are: Lakeshore, Murray Hill B, Eggleston Heights, and Julington Creek.
2. Oakwood Villas BJP: Service Area 2&3- Construction is 67.3 percent complete. Service Area 1-Construction is 70.2 percent complete.
3. Lincoln Villa Pilot Project: JEA Real Estate has not yet procured the property to house the pump station. JEA and the property owners are in the process of finalizing the purchase at this time. Construction estimated to begin in July
4. Phase III-Data Management: Awaiting purchase order from JEA.
5. Meetings in Washington, DC- May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>: Fred Odom and Jenny McCollum will be going to Washington, DC next Monday and Tuesday to meet with several representatives regarding funding. They should have more funding information at next month's board meeting.

**Projects**

- Zona Avenue- Project was approved at May 12, 2009 City Council meeting. Juliana Rowland of OGC will be working on contracts for the 2 homeowners on Zona Avenue.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

Fred Odom introduced Councilman Reggie Brown to the board members. Councilman Brown will be the new council liaison for WSEA.

Mr. Odom mentioned a group who is meeting to shape the policies and matrix ranking of failure areas and where funding should be applied to first. The group is comprised of EQD, DCHD, WSEA, COJ, and Public Works. After this group establishes new policies, they anticipate meeting with JEA and eventually change charter through City Council. Pete Jackson asked if the Matrix was available. Mr. Odom stated that it was. It is the same matrix that the Duval County Health Department (DCHD) uses. Jenny McCollum stated that the DCHD uses the matrix for something different than what WSEA uses it for. Currently, WSEA is working to establish a matrix to better meet their needs.

Mr. Sinclair mentioned the issue of cities in South Florida withdrawing water from the St. Johns River. If water is being pumped out of the St. Johns River, how does that affect septic tanks? Mr. Odom stated that the Riverkeeper is filing suit against the withdrawal of water in the St. Johns River. Mr. Sinclair added that more water will be polluted once water is pumped out. Mr. Odom also added that JEA rates are going up and demand is dropping, people are using less water, and wasting less. The more that can be reclaimed, the more that can be put back in the system. On the surface, it looks like a simple solution, but it's very complex and a lot of politics involved. Susan Rudd stated that the amount of water going back in depends on comparing the quality of the different waters (St. Johns River water and reclaimed water). Mr. Jackson asked if it is a conflict of interest for board members to speak about water withdrawal. Mr. Odom told him that he could as an individual.

### **Request for Public Comment**

None.

### **Items for Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be held on June 10, 2009 at 2 p.m. in City Hall/Don Davis Room.

**Meeting adjourned**