

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

Date: May 14, 2008
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair
John Craddock, Vice Chair
Harriet McDonald
Lawrence Jones
Susan Rudd

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the April 9, 2008 Board Meeting.

General Update

1. Nutrient Quantification Study- Sampling to begin this summer.
2. BJP S.T.P.O. Oakwood Villas-In holding pattern as agreement is being executed. Purchase order should be cut next week.
3. Lincoln Villas Pilot Project- Mittauer & Associates, Inc. has been selected for the design engineering. A press conference will be held on Thursday, May 22. Senator King, along with other Senate Members and House Representatives, has been invited as well.
4. Municipality Study-Study taking place to understand how other Florida cities are handling their septic tank failure issue. Surveying approximately 60 cities and focusing in on 6 to understand how they fund projects, work with utility companies, and handle deferrals. Study is 90 percent complete.
5. SSI Data Management- Studying the centralized database used by 10 different city entities. Meeting with all 10 entities to research how each one uses and processes information into database. Goal is to determine a more efficient method for all groups involved.
6. Spend Plan- WSEA is determining what money needs to be encumbered before it is lost. They have been notified of \$3.7 million in CIBR funds. WSEA will be talking to SJRWMD in hopes to receive all funds. Also, working towards an additional \$300K for the Lincoln Villas Pilot Project which is currently working through the Governor's budget.
7. Operating Contracts- Fred Odom met with Jim Dickenson. Mr. Dickenson will be working internally with JEA and will be meeting again with Mr. Odom and others to discuss WSEA moving forward.

Status of Current Projects

- Glendale Road-water
 - Construction is complete. Letters of availability were sent out on 5/9/08.
- Iroquois Avenue-sewer
 - Construction is complete. Letters of availability will be sent out this week.

Other Items for Discussion

Mr. Craddock commented on the recent article in the Times Union written by Steve Patterson. The article was very positive and stated the partnership of the WSEA to COJ, as the WSEA is funding the remaining phase of Oakwood Villas BJP phase out. Fred Odom added that his meeting with Steve Patterson in preparation for the article was very positive and feels there will be more good articles to come.

Harriet McDonald asked if the Duval County Health Department (DCHD) is capable of pulling a report on the number of septic tanks inspected since the announcement of the Mayor's River Initiative. Fred Odom stated that he is not sure that DCHD can pull that type of report, but with the SSI Database Study being performed, one the goals is to have access to that type of information. Mr. Odom also added that City Council is against inspecting septic tanks. Jenny McCollum stated that when a homeowner applies for a septic tank repair permit, septic tanks are then inspected. Unless there is a problem with a septic tank, they are not inspected. The Nutrient Study will show how Septic Tanks affect the river. SJRWMD doesn't think the septic tank load is comparable to stormwater runoff and treatment plants. It will take a lot of parties to work together to get on board.

Next Meeting

June 11, 2008- City Hall Committee Room A

Request for Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned