



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 13, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room B

Attendees:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair
John Craddock, Vice Chair
Dr. Chester Aikens
Lawrence Jones
Harriet McDonald
Susan Rudd

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the August 9, 2006 Board Meeting.

General Update

Executed four authorizations and have completed two of them. Authorization #5 is being negotiated.

Introduction of new JEA Engineering Technical Support –Alan Boree – brings a tremendous amount of experience to the team.

Grants Update

- SJRWMD – result of River Accord – appropriated in legislature this year.
- WRDA and STAG – Mayor’s staff visits Washington next week regarding these grants.
- STAG - \$5 mil developed in 2002 – accessing now. March of this year, additional funding should be ready. Approximately \$50 million to be committed by next year. Will consider a workshop in the future to expand the criteria matrix for areas other than those designated by the City Health Department for those grant funds. As part of the River Accord in conjunction with the City, conducting septic tank replacement while ripping up neighborhood grounds, we work with other city departments on drainage projects, etc. – think of like working 22 Better Jacksonville Plans – does not just deal with septic but with neighborhoods.
- All grant monies are dedicated to capital work projects, not to any administrative costs. All are committed to pipes in the ground.

Status of Current Projects

Forest Park – Sewer – under construction. 46% of the water lines have been constructed. Construction for sewer lines began this week. Expected completion date is March 2007.

Shakir Economy Motel – Water – Approved by City Council on September 12, 2006 and closing documents are being produced.

Unitarian Universalist Church – Water and Sewer – All closing documents have been sent in. Closing date is being scheduled to occur soon.

Church Fellowship Worship – Sewer – Contacted representative last week. Due to miscommunication, closing documents have not been returned. A copy of the documents was sent to the church on September 11, 2006 and they will be working towards getting those in as quickly as possible to move forward with the project.

Hendricks Day School – Sewer – Representative is working with her title company to get updated title information.

D&W Electric – Water and Sewer – Closing documents have been drafted and sent to D&W Electric. Construction will begin soon.

Metto and Glendale Roads – Water – Metto Road will not move forward due to lack of interest from homeowners. Glendale Road homeowners are working towards gaining more neighborhood interest.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Granada Blvd. South – Sewer – September 21, 2006 – The community is interested in a sewer project. They understand they are located in one of the 22 failure areas (#13 – Point La Vista) and have requested that we speak to them regarding the WSEA as well as the progress of the WSEA Septic Tank Phase-Out Program. Thirty-three homes, some waterfront; map in packet today.

Other Items for Discussion

Schedule date for workshop – plan to be one hour and a half. Propose workshop to occur before the next board meeting – conduct the regular board meeting at 2:00 PM combining the finance committee meeting to it. Conduct the workshop at 12:30 PM.

Our Charter is very specific when looking at voluntary projects – need to dialogue with our attorney and Council regarding the Granada Blvd. South issue. Considerations: Can there be a provision in the charter to accommodate? \$851,000 remaining – will it work, can it work? Will council approve? As a Board, we need to consider all aspects of how we want this program to go forward.

Note – we are not against septic tanks, just against the failed septic tanks that cause pollution.

Items for Next Meeting – October 11, 2006, City Hall Committee Room B

Workshop will convene at 12:30 PM.

Finance Committee Meeting and Board Meeting will be combined and will convene at 2:00 PM.

Request for Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned.