



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District  
GOVERNING BOARD  
Meeting Notes and Minutes  
June 3, 2010**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater at the R. Charles Loudermilk Center for Regional Community in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Members Present**

Ms. Kit Dunlap, Chairman  
Mr. Birdel Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mayor Boyd Austin  
Hon. Richard Oden  
Mayor Rick Roberts  
Mayor Ken Steele  
Mr. Brad Currey  
Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick  
Mr. Gerald Pouncey

Bartow County Designee: Mr. Jim Stafford  
City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Rob Hunter  
Cobb County Designee: Ms. Judy Skeel  
Coweta County Designee: Mr. Ellis Cadenhead  
DeKalb County Designee: Mr. Charles Lambert  
Douglas County Designee: Mr. Peter Frost  
Forsyth County Designee: Mr. Jon Heard  
Fulton County Designee: Mr. Chris Browning  
Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Jim Scarbrough  
Hall County Designee: Mr. Carlyle Cox

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Eldrin Bell  
Mayor Lorene Lindsey  
Mayor Matt Santini  
Mr. Bob Fountain

Mr. William Thomas Craig  
Mr. Reggie Prime  
Ms. Suzanne Sitherwood

**Approve Meeting Notes and Minutes**

Chairman Kit Dunlap called the meeting to order. The meeting notes and minutes from the March 4, 2010 Board meeting were approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Kit Dunlap announced that the Governor had appointed Mr. Reggie Prime to fill the board seat left vacant from the resignation of Mr. Steven Woodruff. Chairman Dunlap welcomed Mr. Prime to the Governing Board.

Mr. Lewis Jones, with King & Spalding, gave the Board an update on the Tri-State Litigation. He described the two phases of the litigation; Phase 1 dealing with the operation of Lake Lanier for water supply and Phase 2 dealing with endangered species. He noted that the Phase 1

decision by Judge Magnuson was being appealed and the Phase 2 ruling is expected sometime this summer.

Ms. Pat Stevens gave an update on the ACF Stakeholders group and informed the Board the group will be meeting on June 17 at Lake Lanier Islands. She invited the Board members to attend this meeting and meet the group's membership. Mr. Brad Currey thanked Ms. Stevens for all her hard work and noted that she has been a key leader in this effort.

Chairman Dunlap congratulated the Governor for signing the Water Stewardship Act earlier this week. She noted that numerous Board members attended the signing and thanked everyone who was involved in crafting this legislation.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Birdel Jackson presented the 2011 Budget and Work Program. He noted that the work program reflects increased work load on the staff but there is no increase in local government dues. The Finance Committee and Executive Committee have both reviewed the budget and work program and recommend it for Board adoption. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2011 Budget and Work Program. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Dunlap noted that local governments in the District are doing more to educate the general public about protecting our water resources and have limited budgets for their efforts. She requested that the staff conduct a survey and compile ideas for low cost ways to educate people about water.

Mayor Boyd Austin, Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee, gave an overview of the legislative session. He commented that the biggest issue the legislative policy committee dealt with this session was interbasin transfer legislation. He noted that interbasin transfer legislation did not pass this session but it will remain a key topic to watch in the future. He also highlighted the legislation that passed which requires GEFA to conduct an interconnection study for the District. The District will contact GEFA and request a speaker to come to the next board meeting to tell us more about the study.

### **Election of Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer**

Mr. Gerald Pouncey, the Chair of the Nominating Committee directed the Board to a memo in the handouts. Mr. Pouncey clarified that the Vice Chair position was vacant due to the resignation of Sam Olens as Cobb County Commission Chair. Chairman Kit Dunlap has another year left as the Chair of the District. He also stated that Mr. Birdel Jackson's term as Secretary/Treasurer was ending but Mr. Jackson is eligible for reelection. The Nominating Committee's recommendation to the Board is to nominate Mayor Boyd Austin as Vice Chair and Mr. Birdel Jackson as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to elect Mayor Boyd Austin as the Vice Chair of the District and Mr. Birdel Jackson as the Secretary/Treasurer of the District. The motion passed without opposition. Mayor Austin and Mr. Jackson will serve three year terms in their positions.

### **Federal Funding Group Update**

Mr. Matt Harper directed the Board to a memo in the packet regarding the distribution of federal funding awarded to the District. He explained that this effort is funded by a group of eight local governments which pooled their resources to seek out federal funding. In Federal Fiscal Year 2010 the group was successful in securing \$485,000 in EPA funding. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed distribution of federal funds. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Smartville Gardens Presentation**

Mr. Mark Fockele and Ms. Sally Meadors gave the board an overview of the rainwater capture and stormwater control project constructed at Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy in Gainesville, GA. The school uses this system of rainwater catchment, stormwater controls and vegetative plantings to educate its students on the environment. The school grounds incorporate plants, cisterns, rain gardens, a compost pile and pervious pathways. The school is a pilot project for the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SSI) which is similar to the LEED certification that buildings can receive for green building except that SSI applies to landscapes. The board presented the school with a certificate of appreciation to the parents, teachers and volunteers that all contributed time and effort to this project.

### **State Water Planning**

Chairman Dunlap informed that Board that GA EPD and GA DCA have requested that the District enter into the MOA included in the agenda package to cooperate with the state water planning process. A motion was made and seconded for the District to sign the MOA. The motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Matt Harper gave an overview of the District's efforts to reach out to the other water planning councils statewide. He noted that District Board members and staff have been involved in joint planning council meetings as well as attending other council meetings to talk to them about the District. He also informed the Board that GA EPD is accepting comments on the Resource Assessments through the end of June. Mr. Harper also added that GA EPD finalized the Water Conservation Implementation Plan (WCIP) in March.

### **Report on Ongoing Metro Water District Planning Activities**

Ms. Pat Stevens spoke to the Board about the recent activities of the District including: the Metrics Committee, AWWA Water Loss Webinar, the draft water loss audit software guidance and a water loss audit seminar scheduled for this fall. Ms. Stevens also explained that the staff has created a draft example car wash ordinance and requested Board approval to send this ordinance out for a 30 day public comment period. A motion was made and seconded to release the draft car wash ordinance for public comment. The motion passed.

Ms. Stevens told the Board that the staff has been working with local water suppliers affected by the Magnuson ruling to develop additional water conservation measures. This list of measures will be presented to the board in September. She informed the board that the stormwater protocols have been finalized and are posted on the District website. She also told the Board about the phone poll we conduct every year to gauge the effectiveness of the Clean Water Campaign. What we learned this past year is that we need to do better about telling the public why it's important to pick up your grass clippings or whatever recommendation we give them and focus on the basics of stormwater education. The essay contest for middle school students will be held again this fall and is an opportunity for the District to educate students about stormwater pollution and water conservation.

### **Next Meeting**

Chairman Dunlap reminded the Board that the BAC meeting summaries were included in their packet and encouraged them to read those summaries. She announced the next Board meeting would take place on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Loudermilk Center Amphitheatre. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.