



**Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
GOVERNING BOARD
Meeting Notes and Minutes
March 3, 2011**

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Governing Board met on Thursday, March 3, 2011 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
Hon. Ken Steele
Mr. Brad Currey
Mr. Chuck Huling
Ms. Katie Kirkpatrick
Mr. Reggie Prime
Mr. Tim Thoms
City of Atlanta Designee: Mr. Dexter White
Bartow County Designee: Mr. Ed Mullinax

Cherokee County Designee: Mr. David Kubala
Clayton County Designee: Mr. Mike Thomas
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: Ms. Angela Parker
Gwinnett County Designee: Mr. Frank Stevens
Rockdale County Designee: Mr. Dwight Wicks

Members Not Present

Hon. Boyd Austin, Vice Chair
Hon. Lorene Lindsey
Hon. Tom Oliver

Mr. William Thomas Craig
Mr. Gerald Pouncey
Ms. Suzanne Sitherwood

Approve Meeting Notes and Minutes

Chairman Kit Dunlap called the meeting to order. The meeting notes and minutes from the December 2, 2010 Board meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Kit Dunlap introduced and welcomed new Citizen Board Member, Mr. Chuck Huling who has been appointed by the Governor to fill the board seat vacated by Mr. Bob Fountain. Chairman Dunlap referred the Board to a handout in their packet on the Tri-State Litigation update.

Executive Committee Report

Chairman Dunlap asked Mr. David Word to give an overview of the legislative agenda being recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee. Mr. word discussed the status of interbasin

transfer bills and other water related legislation. He noted that Senate Bill 122, regarding public/private partnerships for water projects, passed the Senate. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed 2011 Legislative Agenda. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Dunlap called attention to the North Georgia Water Resources Agencies Agreement handout included in the packet of materials. No comments were made regarding the agreement and Chairman Dunlap stated that the District would enter into the agreement.

Chairman Dunlap asked Ms. Pat Stevens to review the Rockdale County Plan Amendment Request included in the board packet. Ms. Stevens explained that the Executive Committee classified the amendments and now they would be released for a 30-day public comment period. After the public comments are compiled, the amendments and comments would be presented to the Board at the June 2, 2011 meeting to take action on the amendments. No comments were made regarding the plan amendment request.

Update on Water System Interconnection, Redundancy & Reliability Act Study and Overview of the Governor's Water Supply Program

Kevin Clark, Executive Director of GEFA presented to the Board on the priorities of the Governor's Water Supply Task Force, including strategies for identifying new state water sources, financing options, and development of a project selection system. He gave a breakdown of GEFA funding sources and highlighted the objectives of the Governor's Water Supply Program. He announced that the first meeting of the Task Force will be held on March 21, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the DNR Board Room.

Mr. Clark also discussed an update of Senate Bill 380, the Water System Interconnection Study, which would develop an emergency water supply plan for water systems within the District. He reviewed the progress on this study and discussed next steps moving forward. A Board Member asked if GEFA would look at the energy use of water systems to make them more efficient and Mr. Clark responded yes. Another Board member commented on GEFA's involvement with Senate Bill 122, to which Mr. Clark responded that this bill was well crafted and important, as it requires local government involvement.

Launch of "I'm In" Water Conservation Website

Grace Trimble with ARC's Communications Department presented the "I'm In" website, the first stage of the District's new water conservation campaign. She went through the steps of how to pledge and explained that the steps were listed on the "I'm In" flyer included in the Board packet. She also asked the Board members to pledge as individuals or for their organizations. As of this day, the site has 31 pledges. For the next Board meeting in June, it will be determined how many pledges have been made up to that point so that we can track our progress made. A Board Member asked if a company could upload a picture of their logo when they pledge and Ms. Trimble confirmed that's an option.

At this time, Chairman Dunlap recognized ARC Chairman, Tad Leithead as being present at the meeting. Chairman Leithead thanked the District Board for their efforts and said that the ARC Board is interested in getting more involved in water efforts.

Measuring Progress

Chairman Dunlap asked Ms. Stevens to discuss the District's Annual Report, Implementation Report and Metrics Report included in the Board packet. Ms. Stevens gave a presentation on the implementation of the plans and the progress made to date. She explained that the District has a high implementation rate of both water conservation and wastewater management measures, as outlined in the plans. Also included in the presentation was an overview of the factors influencing our water use, two of which being climate and rainfall. Ms. Stevens explained that one has to understand these factors and circumstances when looking at per capita water use. With this in mind, the Metro Water District has a low per capita water use compared to other metro areas in the nation. Additionally, the metro area has added three million people since 1972 and water quality in the region has been maintained or improved.

One Board member commented that this was a terrific report and that we need to make these numbers interesting and really promote the region's successes. Another member suggested that we create the five main speaking points from this presentation to better highlight the District's efforts.

Recognition of Attorney General Sam Olens' Service

Chairman Dunlap recognized Attorney General of Georgia Sam Olens as being present at the meeting. She thanked him for his years of service to the Metro Water District as Vice Chair and presented him with a token of appreciation for his leadership.

Update on Metro Water District Activities

At the BAC and TCC meetings earlier this year, the topic of Water Supply Options was discussion. Mr. Matt Harper presented the Board the comments received regarding reservoirs, state issues and reuse. Mr. Harper introduced the two BAC Chairmen present; Mr. Mike Walker (Ocmulgee) and Mr. Richard Greuel (Flint). Chairman Dunlap asked Mr. Walker and Mr. Greuel if they had any comments regarding the Water Supply Options discussion. No comments were made.

Mr. Harper also informed the Board that the District's TCC has been discussing the following topics: new water meter technology, nutrient criteria for lakes, rivers and streams, and TMDL delisting and sampling requirements.

Other

One Board member asked about the status of the reauthorization of Lake Lanier. There has been no resolution of that issue and the outcome of the appeal is still pending. The Board commended the District staff on their efforts.

Next Meeting

Chairman Dunlap announced the next Board meeting would take place on Thursday June 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Loudermilk Center Amphitheatre. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.