

Meeting Minutes  
Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority  
January 26, 2021

The Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Water Plant located at 1439 Camp Creek Road. The following Authority members were in attendance, Mayor Borrow, Janice Griggs, Don Bagwell, Ernest Burns, and Donald Anderson. Also in attendance were: City Engineers, Marty Boyd and Chase West as well as the City's Utility Director, Keith Ethridge.

The first item on the Agenda was approval of the minutes from July 28, 2020. Don Bagwell made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Janice Griggs seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was the City Engineer updated the Authority on the water & sewerage project summary, The first item discussed was the new completion of the new water treatment plant, raw water reservoir. The new clearwell & high service pumps started producing water November 30, 2020. Contractor is working through punch list items.

The Hazel Creek Dam /Camp Creek reservoir repairs is the next project. These plans are to address deficiencies in Safe Dams letter dated 1-13-17. Gate valve to be replaced and trash rack to be fixed after new reservoir goes online. Review comments received from safe Dams on 01/11/2021 and we are preparing a draft response.

Hazel Creek Stream Gauge Calibration is currently on hold, but will re-submit new water withdrawal application once WTP punch list is complete. Working with Nutter & Associates to reevaluate the 7Q10 flow in Hazel Creek, which could increase its Safe Dependable Yield to 4.5MGD

Groundwater Well Exploration is currently on hold. Waiting in City to proceed with property negotiations/site selection for test wells

Chase spoke about the Hazel Creek Raw Water intake Dam project and improve low-head dam is also on hold.

Chase said the WWTP Expansion to a 4.5 MGD could be wrapped up with the next stimulus money CWSRF granted \$500,000 in principal forgiveness for 2017, needs assessment and evaluation of WWTP for expansion to 4.5 MGD in progress. Required Antidegradation Analysis, Environmental information and DDR Documents are in progress.

Chase presented several options for sludge disposal, to pay the 325% increased landfill tipping fees, Buy Equipment for De-watering, and explained an option to consider recycling into a compost that would reduce the landfill waste with many other benefits. The City and Carter & Slope visited Athens-Clarke County composting facility to get an idea of scope.

Chase talked about NPDES permit modifications. We have been in negotiations with EPD and the City of Gainesville to sell 2,000 lbs/year of phosphorous capacity to the City of Gainesville

Marty talked about the Hampton lift station upgrade being under contraction, cost and estimated completion date of March 30, 2121

Chenocetah Drive water, sewerage and storm system improvements are still under construction, Approximately 70% complete. Road paving will be when weather allows.

Discussed FY 2021 CBDG replacing aging infrastructure in the following area of Sunshine Circle, Oak Grove Court, and Galloway Court. Also discussed the local funds only infrastructure improvements of Hood St, Hoyt St, Habersham Terrace, and Pine St.

Keith submitted the Utilities Quarterly Report. The Waste Water Plant treated 252.5 million gallons of sewerage. The Water treatment plant produced 263 million gallons of water. We recorded 21.06” Inches of rain and the reservoir is 3.8’ above full pool. We repaired 14 water breaks and 9 sewer blocks.

As there were no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 11.05 am