

Cabot Water & Wastewater Commission Meeting
July 28, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.
Cabot Waterworks Administrative Office
#1 City Plaza, Suite B

Attendees: Gary Walker, Bert Mayer, Cary Hobbs, Aaron Benzing, Tim Joyner, Jimmy Taylor, Karen Ballard, Bruce Brown, Tad Bohannon and Erin Brogdon.

Gary Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Aaron Benzing led the opening prayer.

Visitor: Wayne Cullins

Cary Hobbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 23, 2011, 2ND by Bert Mayer, Motion Carried Unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

There has been no recent update on the Northbelt Transmission Line; however, staff believes the project is moving along well.

The project at 4th & Cherry St is halfway complete and under budget. Most of the lightning damage has been fixed at the Water Treatment Plant. The dump truck has been re-bid by the State. An update on the dump truck will be given at the next meeting. The new backhoe has been ordered; 120 day delivery is expected. Easements are being worked on for the Hwy 5/89 Water Main Loop.

Commissioners reviewed the internal wastewater funded projects. All wastewater projects are on hold for now. The aerators are installed and working. Staff is monitoring the progress of the aerators.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bruce Brown delivered the June Financial Report. Bert Mayer made a motion to approve the June Financial Report, 2nd by Aaron Benzing, Motion Carried Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

CWW received a letter from the City of Austin's attorney, in which Austin wants to continue a connection, but with a lower minimum daily water requirement. Bert Mayer made a motion to approve an Amendment on the Water Purchase Agreement with Austin to change the minimum purchase of water from 31,000 gallons a day to 10,000 gallons a day, 2nd by Cary Hobbs, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Administration and Billing computers need to be replaced due to problems with our current system. A new PC for mapping is also needed. The computer cost is under what is budgeted. Staff is asked to research software and network issues before the purchase of new computers will be authorized. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Cary Hobbs made a motion to accept a resolution appointing Mr. Wayne Cullins as a new CWW Commissioner, 2nd by Aaron Benzing, Motion Carried Unanimously.

CWW has been denied a first right of refusal in DeGray Lake. After much discussion it has been decided that it was not in Cabot's best interest to obligate such funds right now. The annual cost for water rights to DeGray Lake has doubled from original cost. Aaron Benzing made a motion to no longer pursue water rights to DeGray Lake, 2nd by Bert Mayer, Motion Carried Unanimously.

There is not a recent update on the ANRC Water Plan. An update is expected at the next meeting.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

CWW and NPWW have been negotiating the purchase of 54 meters on Hwy. 5. Gary Walker made a motion to purchase NPWW's meters for \$461,500.00 with contingencies to be later specified by the Commission Chairman and General Manager, 2nd by Bert Mayer, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bert Mayer made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., 2nd by Cary Hobbs, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Tiffany Brockinton.

Bert Mayer

COMMISSION SECRETARY
BERT MAYER