

Burke Cooperative Water Board Meeting

March 15, 2016 – 9:00 AM at Rutherford College Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Johnson.

PRESENT

Roger Lowery, Brentwood
Ralph Johnson, Brentwood
Kevin Clark, Brentwood
Johnnie Carswell, Burke County Commissioner
John Leger, Rutherford College
Jason Green, Morganton
Robert Turner, Brentwood
Troy Houser, Brentwood
Gary McClure, Rutherford College, Mayor
Max Chapman, Brentwood
Kevin Greer, Hickory

ABSENT

Jim Gorsuch, Icard Water
Keith Farris, Burke County
Drew Foy, Morganton
Shawn Pennell, Hickory
Jarrett Guy, Morganton
Arthur Delaney, Rhodhiss
Chris Hollifield, Burke County
Wayne Annas, Rutherford College
Alan Wood, Burke Development Inc.
Hope Hopkins, Burke Development Inc.
Shannon Caudill, Valdese
David Perkins, Brentwood
David Wortman, Rhodhiss
Bill Satterwhite, Rutherford College
Jerry Conley, Valdese
Jon Pons, Icard Water
Seth Eckard, Valdese
Kenneth Geathers, Rutherford College

Chairman Ralph Johnson called the March 15, 2016 meeting of the Burke Cooperative Water Board to order and welcomed attendees. Ralph Johnson opened the meeting with prayer. The Minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted. There were no minutes of a February 16, 2016 scheduled meeting due to cancellation of the meeting because of snow and ice.

Old Business:

Chairman Johnson asked if there was any old business. No old business was brought up.

New Business:

Chairman Johnson asked if there was any new business. No new business was brought up.

Round Table Discussion: Chairman Johnson asked for participation in the Round Table discussions.

Jason Green of Morganton reported that clear well construction in the city's water system is scheduled to begin April 4, and that the city's budget process is starting up.

Kevin Clark of the Brentwood water system reported regular maintenance, repairing leaks, and having issues with the NC Department of Transportation where waterline breaks took place and damaged the roadway. He also reported that the Propst Road/Stroupe Street Project is coming up shortly and that Max Prestwood of Lenoir was low bidder on the expensive project, which was included in Brentwood's 5- and 10-year Capital Improvement Plans. He also reported that Brentwood's Lake James/US 70 project is nearing completion.

John Leger of the Rutherford College water system reported that the town received approval for an ARC Grant but has not yet been informed of when the grant monies will be available. He reported that a lot of iron pipe and galvanized pipe is scheduled for replacement when the grant is received. He reported virtually no leaks, and stated the Rutherford College system has not installed any taps in three months.

Kevin Greer of the Hickory system reported replacement/rehabilitation is ongoing. The system has added 340 taps thus far this year. He said the Hickory system is seeing a lot of people served by wells having issues with surface water. He said the city has a couple of big projects going on and that the city is approved for \$3.5 million in State Revolving Fund money at an interest rate of 1.75 percent at present.

Johnnie Carswell, Commissioner, County of Burke, reported that the County's water system did not get its doughnut hole on NC 18 South approved. He said Indian Hills has run into problems again, and that the system is looking at "big bucks" on upgrades. He reported attending a meeting of the Infrastructure Authority last week. He said one of the major issues is how to get people into business, with a second concern being how systems are run differently and trying to come up with common ground on operations to make operations easier. A third concern is Bond money with a prediction to gain about \$12 million a year in revolving fund monies. He asked the Water Board group to be aware that the committee is there and for systems with concerns to let him know of any local issues to bring before the committee. He said getting people in business is the major concern.

The Cooperative Water Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be April 19, 2016 at 9:a.m. at Rutherford College Town Hall.

Minutes taken by Troy Houser, Secretary.