

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

August 14, 2007 - 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Gutheil, Sausville, Wood; Thompson; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Mark Rider, Co. Attorney; Wes Carr, Project Coordinator; Ed Vopelak, C. T. Male; Dan Loewenstein, Malcolm Pirnie; Dennie Finneran, LWV; Press

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sausville moved to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Callanan requested a ***resolution authorizing the award of contract to Bombard Excavating in the amount of \$38,000 for the removal of the log jam on the Kayaderosseras Creek.*** Mr. Sausville asked how that connects with the water line. Mr. Carr stated there are certain stipulations in the Water Plan for the Army Corps of Engineers' permit, and the log jam was one of them. We have to provide a series of wetland mitigation projects to compensate for any wetland disturbance, he said. He stated he believes this went out to bid in June, and he distributed copies of a list of the bid responses for this. Mr. Gutheil said this project originally was going to be user paid. I think there still are outstanding issues with contracts to sell water, he said. Let's get the water contracts and then award this contract, he said. Chairman Callanan stated the water contracts are with the Water Authority, and he does not have copies. Mr. Gutheil asked if there was an executed contract to sell water to the Luther Forest Technology Park, and Mr. Rider said he did not know. He said he was asked to do a contract between them and the County, and then it was transferred to the Authority. It had been sent to SEDC to get executed, but I do not know the status of it, he added. ***Mr. Gutheil moved to approve this resolution contingent upon verification that we have the contracts in place to sell water that were part of the Business Plan.***

Mr. Rider pointed out all costs expended by the County will be reimbursed by the Water Authority. Chairman Callanan said there is still \$500,000 in the Capital budget, and this is part of that. This money will be part of the reimbursement to the County from the Authority, he said. Mr. Sausville said this log jam work should move forward so we do not lose a season. Chairman Callanan said this needs to be done to obtain the ACOE permit, and he said his personal preference is to move forward with this. Mr. Wood said he would hate to see the contingency cause an untimely delay that would cause a long extension in getting the project done. He said he approves of this as long as we have assurances the County will get its money back. Chairman Callanan said that is the agreement between the County and the Authority. Mr. Sausville said the bid is only good for a certain number of days. Mr. Gutheil said generally 45 days, but

you can ask for an extension. Mr. Thompson said he is in favor of this log jam coming out because the Kayaderosseras is a good resource for the County. He said Mr. Gutheil is right in a way, but this amount is peanuts. Mr. Gutheil asked what town that is in. Mr. Carr said the mouth of the Kayaderosseras by Lake Lonely. **Due to a lack of a second, Mr. Gutheil's motion failed.**

Mr. Wood moved to approve the original resolution request. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Gutheil said he will support this until it gets to the Law & Finance Committee.

Chairman Callanan requested a **resolution authorizing the purchase of property in the Town of Wilton for use as a wetland mitigation site.** He said this is also part of the agreement for the ACOE permit. Mr. Carr said this is located on Northern Pines Road and is owned by the New York State Dormitory Authority. He stated this is 7.31 acres, and that acreage was determined by the amount of acreage that will be disturbed as part of the construction. He said that property was assessed for \$13,500/acre, and the total price is \$100,000. Mr. Gutheil asked if these two resolutions will require further approvals. Chairman Callanan said yes; both from Law & Finance and the Board. Mr. Sausville asked if George Hodgson was supportive of this. Chairman Callanan said Mr. Hodgson was not a part of this. George's involvement with the first resolution was with the actual bid process. Mr. Loewenstein said we had to find land with clay soils that people were not using and had least impact to the County. It will have some open water and some vegetation, he said. **Mr. Sausville moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.**

On a motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sausville, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann