

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE  
January 29, 2013  
Summary

Gorton called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. All committee members were present. Beard was also present.

**I. Election of the Committee Chair**

A motion by Farmer, second Lane, Stinnett was nominated to be Committee Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Akers, second Scutchfield, Mossotti was nominated to be Committee Chair.

After a brief discussion, Akers agreed to withdraw her motion.

A motion by Clarke, second Lane, Stinnett was elected chair.

**II. Selection of Vice Chair**

Stinnett asked Mossotti to be Vice Chair. She agreed to serve as Vice-Chair.

**III. 10.23.12 Committee Meeting Summary**

A motion by Farmer, second by Gorton, to approve the 12.11.12 Committee summary passed unanimously.

**IV. Blue Sky Update**

Stinnett called on Charlie Martin to report on the Blue Sky sanitary project.

Martin provided background on the project and provided revised cost estimates for the three options. He noted that near term costs for option two are approximately \$ 400,000 more than option 1 and option three is approximately \$ two.three million more than option two.

Martin discussed the Boonesboro Manor pump station. He stated that this would be a 500 gpm (gallons per minute) class C pump station with a capital cost of \$285,000. He stated that LFUCG would construct the pump station. The cost of the easement would count as a credit toward the cost of the pump station. JFG Enterprises would reimburse LFUCG for final construction, cost of the pump station and pay for any expansions up to 500 gpm.

Martin also stated that any delays may jeopardize the \$ 1.9 million Kentucky Infrastructure Authority loan.

Stinnett called on Steve Wilson to address the Boonesboro Manor pump station. Mr. Wilson of JFG stated that they agreed with Mr. Martin and requested approval of option two as outlined.

Mossotti asked about the budget for the project. In response Martin stated that there was the \$ 1.9 KIA loan and a \$ 600,000 grant. He thought the available balance was \$ 1.5 million.

Scutchfield asked about future growth in the area. In response Martin indicated that the plan was developed using current zoning fully developed models.

Gorton asked about similar services areas outside of the Urban Services boundary. In response Martin indicated that this service model exists in other areas including Keeneland, Southland Christian Church, Greenbriar and the Airport. He stated that agreements are developed between the LFUCG and users specifying how the system is managed. He recommended that if option two is approved, a similar agreement will be put in place between LFUCG and JFG Enterprises.

Akers asked about the differences between options two and three. In response, Martin stated that option two included a 800 gpm class C pump station with a 10-inch force main and option three included a 1,200 gpm class B pump station with a 10 inch force main which would eliminate the need for a pump station at Boonsboro Manor.

Stinnett asked about the annual maintenance costs for options two and three. In response, Martin stated that cost to maintain the pump station will be about \$ 105,000 annually. He stated that the annual maintenance cost for option three would be approximately \$ 50,000.

Mayor Gray introduced Jane Driskell to provide the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the fund balances, and the monthly financial report.

A motion by Gorton second Lane, to approve option two with a master agreement for the management of the sanitary system.

Farmer asked about the mechanics of the master agreement and wanted to know if this would delay the process. In response Martin stated that it would not delay as long as it was stated that the option was not contingent on agreement approval.

Gorton amended the motion to remove reference to the master agreement. The motion approving option two passed unanimously.

A motion by Gorton, second Farmer to develop at the appropriate time, a master agreement for this project, passed unanimously.

## **V. Items Referred**

Staff indicated that two items, the Empower Lexington Plan and the Distillery District Update, will be added to the committee referral list.

Stinnett stated that the Solid Waste Operations Effectiveness issue should be referred to as the “Waste Management Funding Options” issue.

He stated that the Environmental Quality/Public Works project status and the Distillery District Update will be on the February 12, 2013 committee agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.