

The Grady County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 with Chairman Ray Prince, Vice Chairman TD David, Commissioners LaFaye Copeland, June Knight and Keith Moye in attendance. Also present were County Clerk Carrie Croy, County Attorney Jennifer Herzog and Finance Director Donna Johnson.

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Mr. David to offer the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Moye made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. David made the second with the Board approving unanimously.

The Lake Authority and Board held a Joint Meeting. Present from the Lake Authority was Chairman aDon Toole, Secretary Randy Wind, Members Steven Childs and Ray Prince. Mr. Toole began by acknowledging all of the concerns from the recent public hearings regarding Will Butler. He stated at the time Mr. Butler was the best option, however recognizing the RFQ failed. Mr. Butler has stated he has 3-4 people interested – one possible regarding a wildlife refuge. Mr. Butler has advised he needed an additional 90-120 days. Mr. Toole stated that the Authority was willing to meet with anyone because they don't want to burden the tax payers.

Mr. Toole next addressed the concern with fishing at the lake admitting that planning wasn't done properly and we had to go back and put something in place, leading to the conversation concerning duck hunting at the lake. The Authority's thoughts on this was that it can be done legally and to limit the number of boats on the water hunting to ten for safety reasons. He further stated it would bring in revenue. This resource management, he said, would limit the number of hunters as to not stress the birds – manage and respect the resources.

Mr. Rob Rosenberry, who was on the agenda to speak, stated the lake is a great resource for the region. Coming from someone, he said, that has hunted for over twenty years; this is a quality of life. He acknowledged that yes the cost will be limiting to some but avid duck hunters expect cost – these hunters will not be outlaws. Mr. Rosenberry stated that you are only talking ten weeks out of the year for duck hunting and could bring in \$20,000 in revenue. He advised that safety would not be an issue as the ten boats allowed would be spread out. He recommended the Lake Manager mark the ten spots which is easily done. He even suggested charging out of county hunters more to participate.

Mr. Chris Anglon from Mitchell County stated if you don't manage it you will destroy it. Limit the time that hunters are on the lake.

Mr. Toole stated that Teal season is only two weeks. Regular duck season begins in November. How awesome would it be to host a youth weekend – there is nothing like that around here. Mr. David said it would be great publicity for the lake.

Chairman Prince asked that Attorney Herzog review the proposed Authority recommendations concerning hunting for any ramifications. Mr. Toole stated pending legal review he would like to bring the recommendations back to the Board for approval.

Ms. Linda Aycock, Pinecone Lane, asked if there would be a limit on the number of birds that could be shot. It was advised federal guidelines would be followed for a total of six per person. She further asked if hunting and fishing on the lake at the same time would be safe. Mr. Toole responded yes. She closed by asking the Board to drop it this year and “get your ducks in a row”. Mr. David charged the Authority with getting the quirks worked out.

Mrs. Debbie Johnson who owns property near the lake asked the Board to not make a hasty decision – don't rush – don't do this – it is moving too fast. She then asked why Mr. Butler was not present for this meeting, to which she did not receive a response.

Commissioner Knight stated the Board has already voted on this and she doesn't want to rush this through. She stated there are enough issues with people using State Park Road even though it states closed, which may result in upcoming fines to the County.

Mr. Richard Jordan, Jordan Lane, stated he wished the Board was excited about hunting hogs as they were ducks – hogs are causing damage. He further stated this project has a track record of failure and would continue to fail if hasty decisions are made – there are so many mistakes.

Mr. Peter Wright, Stephens Road, stated this was a slap in the face to the people of Grady County, to which Ms. Betty Godwin said say no to hunting.

Mr. Toole stated the Authority was open to other hunting, but it is unsure if that is allowed according to the permit.

4 Commissioner Knight stated this whole thing should have been brought up before a week ago so it would not have to be rushed, further stating the Board wasn't even aware of this until they read in the paper. Mr. Toole admitted Teal season may be too quick but would like to work on November duck season. Commissioner Moye agreed with Mr. Toole that Teal season was too soon upon us and procedures needed to be looked at.

Mr. Gordon Clyatt stated he had a problem with the lottery system and asked who will police this – how can you keep a Grady county resident from going to the lake hunting? He further stated there are just too many questions right now regarding this. He also asked when this joint meeting scheduled to which Mr. Toole responded on Monday afternoon before 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Copeland explained to the audience that she voted no the first time because she did not understand but did not have a problem with two days a week for two weeks for Teal season.

Mr. Toole advised the Authority would meet, work with legal and bring recommendations back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Sam Kines asked how many acres of dry land were on the property and what about other hunting like quail, turkey or deer. Mr. Toole advised the permit states no hunting from the buffer out.

Ms. Marla Brinson, Nottingham Trail, asked for walking trails instead of hunting at the lake to which Mr. Toole responded he would like that – he hoped so.

Mrs. Debbie Johnson asked when will this be taken from Will Butler, to which Mr. Jordon followed up with, cut the rope with Will. He stated there has been failure after failure with him. Mr. Toole responded that Mr. Butler had given them a 120 day deadline.

Mr. Moye made a motion to not pursue Teal season this year but to work on procedures for November hunting season. Mrs. Copeland made the second with the Board approving 4-1. Mrs. Knight voted against the motion. Mr. Moye further asked Mr. Toole to get the Lake Authority together for a meeting next week if possible to work on these procedures.

Mr. Mike Boss, Piney Grove Road, stated he doesn't want motorcross, solar panels or chicken houses – the County needs stricter regulations.

Magistrate Pat Pollock advised the Board that the Law Library has agreed to pay the additional \$2,600.00 needed for the Courthouse Security. The Board had previously approved \$3,400.00 but more was needed.

The Calendar of Events and the ACCG District 10 Meeting Notice was reviewed.

Mr. Moye made a motion to approve the following Consent items with Mr. David making the second. The Board unanimously approved the following items:

* Minutes from the July 30, 2018 Budget Meeting, August 7, 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, August 7, 2018 PM Public Hearing, August 13, 2018 Budget Meeting, August 14, 2018 Public Hearing and Budget Meeting and the August 14, 2018 Closed Session.

* Approved ACCG Invoice for legal fees in the amount of \$8,603.69.

Mr. David publically recognized Mrs. Croy for the great job on all of the minutes for the Public Hearings.

Mr. Prince asked that a copy of the Public Hearing Minutes be sent to the Lake Authority members.

Mr. Binion was present to explain the following requests.

Mr. Moye made a motion to approve the additional expenditure to Krebs Engineering for water monitoring at the lake in the amount of \$16,309.00 (total of \$21,109.00) with Mr. David making the second. The Board approved 4-1 with Mrs. Knight voting against.

Mrs. Copeland made a motion to approve the CCR Environmental Invoice, for Mitigation Monitoring, in the amount of \$4,950.00 with Mr. David making the second. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mrs. Knight stated that her constituents are calling for getting rid of Mr. Will Butler's services and made a motion to end the contract with Will Butler. The motion died for a lack of second. Mrs. Linda Aycock asked from the public, how long has he been here? How much as he accomplished? Mrs. Copeland stated the RFQ process, which failed, held up his work.

Mr. Richard Jordan spoke stating the County needed to pay for performance and questioned how you could hire someone back who had not performed according to their first contract.

Mrs. Copeland at this time stated "the motion has died move on" further saying "let's be for real – ya'll just don't like Will". She further stated that Mr. Butler said he would step aside in 120 days if no progress has been made. Mr. Prince responded "Where do you draw the line?"

Mrs. Aycock begged the Board to let him go saying he hasn't proven himself.

Commissioner Moye asked about the EPD inspection of State Park Road to which Mr. Prince stated he would have more information after meeting with EPD on Thursday.

Mr. Moye stated there needed to be guidelines for the Cell Phone policy for the County. Mrs. Croy will set up a workshop after the new Administrator is on board.

Mr. Moye made a motion to adjourn the Meeting with Mrs. Copeland making the second. The Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.



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