

FEAB MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Fairhope Public Library Board Room, Fairhope, AL

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Jeanine Normand, Rick Frederick, Ben Frater and Mike Shelton

City Council: None

City of Fairhope: Kim Burmeister, Planning and Zoning Department; Richard Peterson, Utilities Superintendent

Honored Guests: James Watkins

Minutes taken by: Kim Burmeister

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February 2019 minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

Discussion of Items:

Waste Water Treatment / Sewer Overflow 5-year plan

According to Gary, Jimmy Conyers has a copy of the draft from FEAB outlining the 3 major components of the 5-year plan, and FEAB's support thereof.

The 3 major components are:

1. Technical Service Division
2. Stormwater sampling
3. Side Stream water storage

Gary said Jimmy is not fully aware of what the Technical Service Division would entail, and Jimmy has suggested that Richard ask for a specific position or positions to be filled as part of the Technical Service Division.

Richard said the bar for what is acceptable as far as overflows is far higher now than in the past and therefore requires a greater level of system management.

Richard has checked with Auburn on the possibility of supplying treated

Richard said waste water decentralized service areas should be researched as a goal for the future. The airport has property available for this.

Richard said council recently rejected approval of a \$6,500 study which would have assessed areas available and functionality of decentralization systems which would greatly enhance the current system. The current waste water treatment system has one main collection area and outfall (Mobile Bay).

Richard said the current waste water system has room for growth but will likely be at full capacity in 10 years. We need to have a plan in place within 5 years.

Gary said the FEAB will continue to support Richard's effort but he will have to take the drivers seat for the management of the program, and outlining exactly which positions he needs to fill to ensure success of the 5 year plan.

Mike said he would like to meet with Richard to discuss stormwater sampling, watersheds and times of concentration, time lapse sampling, etc. Richard agreed to meet with Mike.

Regarding side stream storage: Gary likes the proposal as is and think storage is key to controlling overflows.

Gary would like to see waste water reduction mentioned in the 5 year plan. This would minimize waste water entering the system. He said we need to identify businesses that contribute significant amounts of waste water to the system and offer incentives for reduction.

Fly Creek / Eastern Shore Watershed Study

Rick said Marlon Cook will be at the next meeting to discuss sediment sampling.

Fairhope North Beach Water Quality

Gary asked Richard if he was involved in water quality sampling at North Beach Park. Gary is convinced human sewage is somehow entering the duck pond area. Richard said he has recently videoed sewer lines from Fairhope avenue to the waste water treatment plant. If there are any leaks in Big Mouth Gulley watershed (North Beach Park is in this watershed), this will show up in the results. The results should be available soon.

Kim said Richard Johnson / Public Works oversees the parks.

Jeanine said the City would benefit from having Beach Management personnel.

Mike encouraged everyone to check out sea level rise and other stormwater related educational videos:

[Vimeo.com/channels/gulf.slr](https://vimeo.com/channels/gulf.slr)

Next meeting is Friday, May 10th, 3:00 p.m. at the Fairhope Public Library Boardroom.

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