Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water
And Sewer Authority Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 25th, 2022
Union City- City Hall
5047 Union St, Union City, GA 30291

I. Project Managers Laura Benz and Andrea Gray provided the audience with an introduction to the project. The Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority was established in 2000. The member cities are composed of Fairburn, Union City, and Palmetto. The plan out consists of 50 years. Based on studies, the three cities will need 13.35 million gallons of water a day to meet their 50-year planning horizon. Currently, the three cities are using 3.1 million gallons annually. The authority is looking to produce a whole water system consisting of an intake and pump system, a transmission facility from the river to the treatment plant, and small storage that will allow them to make any adjustments in the treatment as water quality conditions requires the rivers. There will be a breakout plan for 6 million gallons a day. Fairburn will have a water storage tank to help balance the system for pressure throughout the other cities. The Middle Chattahoochee Regional Water & Sewer Authority is asking for a loan from the Georgia Environment Facilities Finance Authority for the construction of the water intake and the treatment system. The public is encouraged to engage in the meeting by asking questions. Fairburn and Union City are receiving water from the City of Atlanta. There is no contract or guarantee of supply, and there is no price requirement. The City of Palmetto has a water supply project that supplies less than 1 million gallons of water a day. They supplement their usage through a purchase contract with Coweta County Water & Sewer Authority. In 2000, the authority's use of water from the Chattahoochee River was not permitted by EPD. The director instructed them to pursue a water reservoir.

II. **No Action Terminal:** Continue to rely on, and citizens are subject to the allocations that are passed along. Project Manager Benz showed pictures of the conceptual treatment plant.

III. **Question:** What's the footprint of the buildout? 7 to 8 acres.

IV. The authority has gone through a lot of coordination with the Federal Agency previously with the Bear Creek reservoir, so the fish and wildlife are signed off, and EPA has signed off on a lot of the elements. The Project Managers have gone through extensive coordination with the State office. The area is non-developed

V. **Recent July Activity**: The withdrawal intake for the permit was issued in July 2020. Preliminary engineer work was completed a few months later and authorized by Krebs engineering. Krebs Engineering developed the Preliminary Engineering report that was finalized in June 2021 and coordinated with EPD. The authority authorized an RFP. In May 2022, Gresham Smith was retained to satisfy the position. They're continuing to do a wholesale rate study and project funding by updating the wholesale rate that was completed a few months ago. The anticipated time frame for the treatment plant and distribution system should take two years to construct, and they will assure compliance. 79,352,000.00 is the estimated amount. The authority expects to fund from resources and has the land and 10.5 million in GEFA loans. The new 25 million is the loan presented today, and the authority is looking to receive an additional 25 million and 10.8 million from sales of a revenue bond.

VI. **Guest**: Glad to see the progress is being made and that the authority is moving on. Project Manager Benz stated that the largest problem was "who was going to serve the area?" Once that was resolved with Atlanta, they were able to move forward. It was a timing issue as well.

VII. **Guest:** Will there be four tanks? Union City has a non-operational tank. They're looking at either rehabilitating or receiving a new one. Palmetto has a tank also.

Mayor J. Clark Boddie, Chair

Jessica Davis, Secretary