

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CHATHAM COUNTY
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SOUTHEAST CHATHAM WATER DISTRICT
AUGUST 04, 2008**

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina sitting as the Governing Board of the Southeast Chatham Water District (“the Board”) met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:55 AM on August 04, 2008.

Present: Chairman George Lucier; Vice Chair, Mike Cross; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Carl Thompson, and Tom Vanderbeck; County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Jep Rose; Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Water District Board, Sandra B. Sublett

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to convene as the Southeast Chatham Water District Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Minutes Approval: Consideration of a request to approve Southeast Chatham Water District Board Minutes for meeting held July 21, 2008

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 Board of Commissioners of Chatham County sitting as the Governing Board of the Southeast Chatham Water District. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Southeast Water District Sign-ups:

The County Manager explained that there were 350 who signed the petition for water in the Southeast Water District but only 157 people have actually paid for water hookups to their residences.

A map was distributed showing where the signups who have paid reside.

David Hughes, Public Works Director, reviewed the map and explained that there were a couple of areas that meet the twelve-unit-per-mile criteria. He answered questions from the Board regarding density requirements, the time-line for sign-ups, and sign-up fees.

A discussion ensued with regard to the average number of sign-ups per mile.

Commissioner Cross asked for clarification. He asked if each person along the route who had signed up was to be contacted. Mr. Hughes stated that was correct; that there was going to be a mailing sent out and they were also going to try to telephone them. Commissioner Cross asked about how the others were going to get their information. Mr. Hughes stated that they would put out a “phone blast”.

The County Manager encouraged the Board to put their proposed standards in a motion.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve ten houses per mile for hook-ups.

Chairman Lucier stated that he supported what they were saying, but that he would prefer to do it on September 15th in order to try to get the maximum number of sign-ups.

After further discussion, Chairman Lucier asked if the Public Works Director could provide an update at the September 02, 2008 Board of Commissioners' meeting stating that maybe by that time, several of the roads will have achieved the desired density.

The Finance Officer asked for clarification of the \$500.00 asking if it applied only to the new lines going in. By consensus, the Board agreed that this was correct.

Commissioner Cross stated that the previous Board stated that they would like to have twelve sign-ups but would accept ten sign-ups.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that if the Board was in agreement with that, he felt that it was probably better to vote on it at the day's meeting so that they could get the word out so the Board might as well come to an agreement on it at this time.

Commissioner Vanderbeck amended motion to make it explicit with regard to "paid sign-ups".

The Board added that they would have to be paid by September 10, 2008. It was also discussed that it would need to be determined how many sign-ups counted for a commercial sign-up.

The Finance Officer interjected that she thought the key was that the USDA requirement that there be so much density. She stated that there were no funds for the Southwest at this time as they did not have the density; that there was interest when the district was established; that as far as USDA loan monies are concerned, the Board has not applied for the Southwest because she doesn't think that it meets the minimum requirements of the USDA loan.

The County Attorney stated that it would be a good idea to have the Public Works Director return with the written policy.

Commissioner Cross stated that he would like to have a letter and a telephone call go out to those that have signed up; that it should be advertised in the newspaper and probably be in *The Sanford Herald* as that is the most widely read in that area.

Commissioner Thompson also requested that the Board receive the information as to the USDA thresholds proposed for both areas in terms of the numbers.

Chairman Lucier called the question restating that the motion was for an average of ten paid sign-ups per mile. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to adjourn as the Governing Board of the Southeast Chatham Water District and reconvene as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
Southeast Chatham Water District Board