



**MINUTES  
WORKSESSION  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 7, 2012**

**Present:**

County Council

David L. Ferguson, R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn Robinson, Mikel Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council

Town of Winnsboro

Roger Gaddy, Clyde Sanders, Bill Haslett, Council Members; Don Wood, Town Manager

Corps Of Engineers

Dudley Patrick, George Ebai, Colton Bowles

Kyle Michel, Counsel

**In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and fifty-nine other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the County Council meeting to order at approximately 6:10 P.M. and introduced members of the Council. Mayor Roger Gaddy called the Town of Winnsboro Council to order and introduced the members of the Town Council. Kyle Michel introduced the representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers.

**2. INVOCATION**

Council Member Robinson led in the invocation.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Background On Water Supply Study – Kyle Michel**

- Approximately two years ago, the Town of Winnsboro recognized that the water demand for the current and projected growth was not going to be satisfied with the existing water source for the Town of Winnsboro water system. Began looking at sources for augmenting the supply.
- Preliminary study was done that looked at running a pipe to bring raw water from the Broad River to the Winnsboro Reservoir. Study was not in-depth; however, it was an avenue.
- Had some discussions at the federal level. Discovered that the Corps of Engineers offers planning assistance to local and state governments through a program with a 50/50 cost share that would assist in identifying whether that is the right route, how that route might work and whether there may be additional routes.

- Looked at the planning assistance to state's programs and had some discussion with the Corps about a year and a half ago to have some dialogue on how that might work. Subsequent to that, some changes in the intentions and how people thought things might work and some changes on how the County and the Town are approaching the water supply issue, the County became interested in building a system that would serve the entire County—whether with or not with the Town. The Town remains interested in finding the best route to bring additional water to the Winnsboro Reservoir. The County is also interested in increasing treated water supply to not just unserved areas of the County that may have industrial demand, but also to areas of the County where the residents don't have treated water available.
- The conclusion was there was a way to do one study that would serve both interests—the Town finding the best way to add water to the Reservoir, and the County looking at potential options for a county-wide water system. Have not approached or reached conclusions on how those two may or may not merge (that does not need to be part of the study). Have accelerated the work in the last couple of months, with the Corps having identified funding for its 50% of the cost share and the Corps has identified resources to be able to do the study. At a point now ready to present to the Town and the Council what has been proposed by the Corps. The purpose is also to hear back from the Town and the County and interested citizens on their desires for what this study would address, and to answer questions on how this would or would not work.

## **B. Presentation Of Proposed Water Supply Study – U. S. Army Corps of Engineers**

### **Who We Are**

- 34,600 Civilian and 650 Military
- Diverse workforce of biologists, engineers, hydrologists, natural resource managers, real estate professionals, environmental, and other professionals
- US Army Corps of Engineers established in 1775
- Charleston District established in 1825
- First military projects were Fort Moultrie, Fort Johnson, and Fort Sumter in the 1820's
- First civil project was the Charleston Harbor navigation channel in 1850's

### **How We Are Organized**

- Department of Defense
- Department of the Army
- Chief of Engineers
- Corps Laboratories
- Divisions and Districts

### **Corps Missions**

- Five Broad Areas: Water Resources, Environment, Infrastructure, Homeland Security, Warfighting

### **Technical Assistance Via Planning Assistance To States (PAS) Program**

- Authorized by Congress under the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (WRDA 1974)
- Supports state preparation of comprehensive water & related land resources development plans, including watershed & ecosystem planning
- Corps assists in conducting individual studies supporting the state plan
- Assistance given on basis on state requests and availability of Corps expertise rather than through Congressional study authorization procedures
- Cost Sharing
- In-Kind Contributions

### **Project Delivery Team (PDT)**

- Project Management Team, Project Manager, Engineering, Other Districts, Planning Center of Excellence (PCX)

**Scope**

- Task 1 – Data Search
- Task 2 – Demographic Projections
- Task 3 – Water Supply & Demand
- Task 4 – Conceptual System Alternatives
- Task 5 – Winnsboro Water System
- Task 6 – Report
- Task 7 – Project Management

**Cost Estimate**

- Spread Sheet (broken down by Teams and Tasks) distributed and discussed.
- Tasks totals and running totals shown.
- Tasks 3 and 5 are costed out.
- The numbers in the blocks represent hours.
- Near end of spreadsheet are the labor rates (by discipline)—based on actual people.
- Total Labor and Other Costs for Phase One, rounded, with contingency, and split 50/50 (sponsor share and federal government share) = \$189,610.00.
- Nothing reflected for Phase Two (until the decision is made to move forward with Phase Two).

**Questions**

- The Town Council and County Council would each have to vote on their respective parts. There was \$100,000.00 earmark? The \$190,000.00--is it a net to the County, or is that \$190,000.00—and then the County would take the earmark of \$100,000.00 and then it would be \$90,000.00 left; or is that added in? {The \$100,000.00 that was set aside in the past would add to the \$189,610.00}. The PAS was funded nationwide (about \$5.3 million dollars). Federal funding has been requisitioned off to begin this project this year. Once the project is started, funding would come from next year. The net to the County would be \$190,000.00.
- How would the drawdowns be implemented? Timely, or at what intervals?
- As far as the County funding, is the County in the position to write what it needs to now, and five months from now, to write the bulk of it? County will pay total bill for Phase One. The Agreement, then, will be between the Corps and the County; however, it would be prudent for the Town (in some appropriate form—Resolution, or otherwise); for endorsement/cooperation, so that there is authorization by the Town Council for the Town's water system to cooperate.

**4. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., upon unanimous approval of County Council and Town of Winnsboro Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN