

**MEETING MINUTES
CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
JUNE 7, 2012
DALTON HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
HILLSVILLE, VA**

CALLED TO ORDER

The Carroll County Public Service Authority held a special meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dalton Hill Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Members present included: Thomas Littrell, Chairman, Jeanette Dalton, Vice Chairman, Sam Dickson, David Hutchins, and James Light. Member William Payne was absent. Also present were Gary Larowe, Executive Director, and Dana Phillips, Assistant Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Authority.

Chairman Littrell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

(ORDER)

Letters from Coon Ridge Residents in favor of Water Project (Attached to Minutes)

Mr. Dickson read letter from Coon Ridge residents, Carl and Sandy Davis

Mrs. Dalton read letter from Coon Ridge resident, Allie Staples

CITIZEN'S TIME

Christine Bolen—I think I know most people in this room. Since our last meeting the water problems have gotten worse. We all have terrible iron in our water. We have had to have commodes replaced and had to buy filters and the water still looks like red mud. We desperately need water. I know there are people in this room that do not need water and they are blessed, very lucky. I feel like the known water problems in our area hurts the value of our properties. We really have a need for water in this area for many reasons. Please let us have the water.

Barbara Conklin—I really do not wish to speak. I just want to turn in this petition; it has been signed by 52 people. It is not against the water project but it is against the mandatory fees associated with the water line. There are many people that just can't afford to pay for something that they do not wish to have. (Petition attached to minutes.)

Earl Conklin—Just want to express that I do not feel that it is fair to put a non-user fee on the people that do not want or need the water. I am not against it coming through and I know that many of the neighbors need it but I am against the mandatory fees.

Eldon Horton—I am not opposed to those who need the water getting water but I am very much opposed to the mandatory fees associated with the ones not getting the water. That is stealing, no other way to cut it. I would like to tell you about the New River; it is the 2nd most polluted river in the U.S. I know that it is treated but there is no way it could be good for your system.

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CITIZEN'S TIME (CONTINUED)

Dale Cochran—I have lived in Coon Ridge all my life. I am a plumber and electrician and I have replaced pipes for many of these people. I know the river water may be polluted but this well water and copper pipes are not good for them either. I would say at least two-thirds of this area really, really needs the water.

Ronnie Robinson—First of all, I would like to talk about the iron in the water here. My brother and his family have always had to wash clothes at the laundry mat. The iron is awful here and it runs all the way to Iron Ridge. Some people are just mildly affected but for some it's severe. I have no problem with the fees, I have looked at them and think they are all every reasonable. I know water is the major concern but I also think that sewer is a major concern in this area.

Chairman Littrell announced that the project has been funded. It will be around 74,300 LF of water line with approximately 250 users, total cost is around \$3,277,000.00. The loans came in at 2% over 40 years which is the lowest rate the county has received on these types of funds in years. That would be a monthly payment of \$6,993.00 which would be covered by user's fees. If all goes well construction will begin Spring of 2013 and would conclude by the end of 2013.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF COON RIDGE LOAN RESOLUTION

Upon a motion Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the loan resolution for the Coon Ridge Water Project.

(ORDER)

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Upon a motion Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Mr. Dickson and duly carried the Authority does hereby approve the resolution of the governing body for the Coon Ridge Water Project.

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AUTHORITY MEMBERS' TIME

Mr. Hutchins-Now I can go pay bill at Lowe's and not get beat up about the water. Glad we finally got this one going. (Mr. Hutchins added that we do not recommend any certain plumbers or contractors and each resident is responsible for putting the line in from the meter to their home. He also stated that if you are within 200 ft of the line then you are in the mandatory area.)

Mr. Light-I would like to speak to the ones that had the petition. We have heard this everywhere and will continue to. If you look at the rate sheet ; you can see that for the same \$24.00 you can get a meter set and use up to 2,000 gallons of water. I understand about not needing or wanting another bill but just make the best of the situation. The PSA is taking care of the connection fees for anyone that signs up now.

Mr. Littrell-We certainly appreciate everyone coming out tonight. If you have any questions feel free to ask us. We will be around for a little bit to assist however we can. Thank you.

(ORDER)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Hutchins and duly carried the Authority does hereby adjourn at 7:30 p.m. until their next scheduled meeting on June 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Governmental Center Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Thomas Littrell, Vice Chairman

Gary Larrowe, Executive Director

Dana Phillips, Sec./Treasurer, Assistant Director