

MINUTES
EAST LINCOLN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners met as the governing body of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District at the Citizens Center, Third Floor, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting at 5:30 p.m. on June 19, 2000. The following were present:

James A. Hallman, Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton, Vice Chairman
Beth H. Saine
W. J. Waters, Jr.
John R. Gamble, Jr.

Jeff Taylor, County Attorney
Stan Kiser, County Manager

Also present were Jack Chandler, Director of Public Service, and Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order: Chairman Hallman called the June 19, 2000 East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District meeting to order.

Adoption of Agenda: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of the Recognition of the Girl Scouts as the first order of business.

AGENDA

EAST LINCOLN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GOVERNING BODY
LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 19, 2000

5:30 PM	Call to Order	
5:30 PM	Adoption of Agenda	
1.	5:30 PM	Approval of Minutes - May 30, 2000

2. 5:30 PM District Update - Jack Chandler
3. 5:35 PM Out of District Sewer User Fees - Brad Jewell
4. 5:45 PM East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District 2000-2001
Fiscal Year Budget
5. 5:55 PM Other Business

Adjourn

Girl Scout Recognition: Commissioner Saine stated that she met with the Girl Scouts from Troop 903, and their leader before the meeting. She stated that this is their first Commissioner's meeting and she would like to recognize them.

Approval of Minutes – May 30, 2000 Meeting: UPON MOTION by Commissioner Brotherton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2000 meeting.

District Update: Jack Chandler, Director of Public Service, presented the following update of the number of sewer customers the District currently has and a monthly history for the '99-'00 fiscal year. The number of customers has increased by 216 since July 1, 1999. This is an average of 19 new customers per month.

June 1, 2000:	1,041 customers
May 1, 2000:	1,030 customers
April 1, 2000:	1,025 customers
March 1, 2000:	995 customers
February 1, 2000:	970 customers
January 1, 2000:	911 customers
December 1, 1999:	911 customers
November 1, 1999:	901 customers
October 1, 1999:	905 customers
September 1, 1999:	848 customers
August 1, 1999:	836 customers
July 1, 1999:	825 customers

Chairman Hallman asked about the Pumpkin Center High School sewer situation.

Jack Chandler stated that he and the County Engineer have had one meeting with the representatives from the school system. He stated that they looked at the site and talked about their different options.

Commissioner Waters asked how far it is from the existing sewer district.

Mr. Chandler stated that it is miles from the District.

Chairman Hallman stated that according to the paper, the Board was giving serious consideration to providing sewer to the new school, and this was the first he had heard of it.

Commissioner Waters asked if there were any plans to take Governors Island out of the Sewer District.

Jack Chandler stated that the Homeowner's Association with Governors Island has approached them.

Commissioner Waters asked what their reason would be, why they would ask to be taken out.

Jeff Taylor stated that the Homeowner's Association contacted him and Commissioner Brotherton about 18 months ago, threatening a lawsuit on the basis that they had been in the district and paying the district tax since the inception of the district and have never been provided the service. He stated that the former County Engineer Doug Chapman devised some figures and it was going to cost about \$500,000 or more to run the line to the island. He stated that there was a question about the cost effectiveness of this, and the homeowners said that they would prefer to keep the system they have and be relieved of paying the district tax. Mr. Taylor stated that it would take special Legislative Delegation to remove them from the District.

Commissioner Waters stated that the deed for Governor's Island says that the service has been provided for them and that the cost of getting from Governor's Island to our line, which goes to the lake edge is theirs. Commissioner Waters stated that it says that the District will provide a line up to their property. He stated that since the County does not own the bridge, he feels it is their problem to get to our line.

Mr. Taylor asked if it was the deed from the bank to the purchasers on the island.

Commissioner Waters stated that it is the development plat, which includes the bridge.

Mr. Taylor stated that part of the problem is that the line would have to go under the lake, it couldn't go under the bridge. He stated that it is the obligation of the district to provide the service to everybody in the district that is paying taxes.

Commissioner Waters stated that in other developments, the line is brought to them, and they bring their lines to ours. He stated that he does not see that Governor's Island is any exception.

Mr. Taylor stated that this would be true for new development, but Governor's Island was there when the district was created.

Commissioner Brotherton stated that the line is not at their property now, there is a body of water separating these.

Commissioner Waters stated that this ought to get pinned down before this goes any further.

Out of District Sewer User Fees – Brad Jewell:

As requested staff has developed an Out of District User Fee. Currently, all users outside the district are assessed a minimum fee of \$40 per month in addition to the current user's fee (\$4.35 per 1,000 gallons over the first 2,500 gallons). The current fee will not fully cover the proposed expenses of the District. Based upon projected flows and expenses for FY 00-01 an Out of District residential rate of \$17.55 per 1,000 gallons and an Out of District nonresidential rate of \$19.52 per 1,000 gallons is recommended. The minimum monthly bill will be \$43.87 for residential, and \$48.79 for commercial (for the first 2,500 gallons). This rate change will affect three District Customers (as of July 1, 2000). This change is estimated to generate an additional \$74,000 for the District.

Mr. Kiser stated that it was in his budget presentation to raise the Out of District User fees.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gamble, the Board voted 4 –1 (Commissioner Saine against) to adopt the fee increase as outlined.

East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District 2000 – 2001 Fiscal Year Budget:

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget for the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District for Fiscal Year 2000 – 2001.

Adjourn: **UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Waters, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the June 19, 2000 East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District meeting.