

**EAST LINCOLN COUNTY
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
MAY 18, 1998**

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 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 1998. The following were present:

Louis E. McConnell, Chairman
James A. Hallman, Vice Chairman
Terry L. Brotherton
Larry S. Craig
Beth H. Saine

Jeff Taylor, Assistant County Attorney
Richard French, County Manager
Stan Kiser, Assistant County Manager

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McConnell called the May 18, 1998 meeting of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman McConnell presented the May 18, 1998 agenda of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board for adoption.

AGENDA

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

MAY 18, 1998

6:30 PM Call to Order

	6:30 PM	Adoption of Agenda
1.	6:30 PM	Approval of Minutes April 20, 1998
2.	6:35 PM	District Update –Jack Chandler, Public Service Director
3.	6:40 PM	Annexations
4.	6:50 PM	Discussion of Governor's Island Sewer Service
		Adjourn

Commissioner James Hallman motioned that the agenda of the May 18, 1998 East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board be adopted.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 20, 1998

Chairman McConnell presented the minutes of the April 20, 1998 meeting for approval.

A motion by Commissioner Terry Brotherton to approve the minutes of the April 20, 1998 meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner James Hallman.
Unanimously approved.

REPORT ON SEWER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES – JACK CHANDLER, PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR

Jack Chandler, Public Service Director, gave an update on the number of customers in the district. He stated that the customer base is now 554. He stated that there are currently 354 applications, including customers who have paid their application fee in full and those making payments. Mr. Chandler stated that people are now required to pay the connection fee in full when they make application, since there is no longer a payment plan.

ANNEXATIONS

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, stated that East Lincoln Austin, LLC has presented a request to be annexed into the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District. He stated that a public hearing needs to be scheduled during June, 1998.

A motion by Commissioner Larry Craig to set the public hearing for the annexation of the Property of East Lincoln Austin, LLC on June 22, 1998 at 6:45 PM and to move the Regular meeting from June 15, 1998 to June 22, 1998.

Seconded by Commissioner Beth Saine.
Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR'S ISLAND SEWER SERVICE

Rick French, County Manager, presented the following letter from Governor's Island Board of Directors.

May 12, 1998

Mr. Rick French
Lincoln County Manager
Third Floor, Citizens Center
115 West Main Street
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Dear Rick:

The Board of Directors of the Governor's Island Homeowner's Association met with you, Doug Chapman, Jack Chandler and Terry Brotherton on February 12, 1998 to discuss the timetable for county sewer service on Governor's Island. Discussion at the meeting made it obvious that extension of county sewer service onto Governor's Island was not going to occur in the near future. Conversation then shifted to the possibility of the East Lincoln Sewer District purchasing the present system from Mid-South who owns the sewer plant and lines located on the island. You were told to pursue the feasibility of such a purchase if you were willing to assume intact the contract for service that Mid-South provides the residents of Governor's Island.

Since our meeting ninety days ago, we have had two Board of Directors' meetings and the possible sewer purchase from Mid-South by the East Lincoln Sewer District has been revisited and thoroughly discussed. We have concluded that such purchase is of no benefit to island residents. The plant and all accompanying nuisances are still on the island. The only change is the operator of the system. In effect, we would not be on the East Lincoln Sewer System.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously for me to notify you that we respectfully request that you forego purchase of the present sewer system. Until such time that a connection line can be extended across the lake by the East Lincoln Sewer District and the present sewer lines can be purchased from Mid-South to avoid tearing up the common areas of the island to put down a new line, we respectfully ask Lincoln County officials to carve Governor's Island out of the East Lincoln Sewer District due to the inability to provide Governor's Island with county sewer service. It is unfair for island residents to be taxed for a service that continues to be unavailable and in limbo.

On behalf of the Governor's Island Homeowner's Association, I ask for your assistance in finalizing this matter. A reply by June 15, 1998 indicating that service will be provided by the end of 1998 or that Governor's Island residents will be removed from the East Lincoln Sewer District would be greatly appreciated. Notification of such will allow the Board of Directors to take appropriate steps to operate the business of the Homeowner's Association in a prudent manner.

Thank you and your constituents for your time, conscientious efforts and consideration relative to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jack L. Elledge
President
GI Homeowner's Association

JLE/sfm

Pc: Mr. Terry Brotherton, County Commissioner
Mr. Jack Chandler, Director of Public Works
Mr. Doug Chapman, County Engineer
Members of the Board of Directors of GI Homeowner's Association

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, stated that the estimate from around a year ago for extending the sewer to Governor's Island was about \$180,000. He stated that this would be to install new lines throughout the island. He stated that they have looked at the option of utilizing the existing low-pressure collection system, and realigning that to pump to the Sewer District System. Mr. Chapman stated that they applied to Duke Power and the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission for a permit to extend the line under the lake. The water line is extended under the lake currently. He stated that final approval has not been received yet. He stated that it will be in the cost range of \$200,000 to extend

sewer to Governor's Island. He stated that it will be hard to finish this project by the end of the year, but it is possible.

There was a discussion about providing sewer service to Governor's Island.

Commissioner Larry Craig asked the County Attorney to send a certified letter to the Governor's Island Homeowner's Association, asking them to provide Lincoln County with a copy of the Agreement between the Homeowner's Association and Midsouth.

ADJOURN

Commissioner James Hallman made a motion to adjourn the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.
Unanimously approved.