

**EAST LINCOLN COUNTY  
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 1997**

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 PM on January 20, 1997. The following were present:

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

Don Pendleton, County Attorney  
Richard French, County Manager

Also present were Doug Chapman, County Engineer, and Rebecca B. Shoupe, Clerk to the Board.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman McConnell called the January 20, 1997 meeting of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board to order.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman McConnell presented the January 20, 1997 agenda of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board for adoption.

**AGENDA  
EAST LINCOLN COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Governing Body  
LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**JANUARY 20, 1997**

6:30 PM	Call to Order	
1.	6:30 PM	Adoption of the Agenda
2.	6:30 PM	Sewer Use Ordinance Revisions

3. 6:40 PM Existing Septic Tanks as Backup to Grinder Pumps
4. 6:50 PM Review of Sewer District payment policies
5. Other Necessary Business

Adjourn

Commissioner Larry Craig motioned that the agenda for the January 20, 1997 East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District Board be adopted.

Seconded by Commissioner James Hallman.  
Unanimously approved.

### **Sewer Use Ordinance Revisions**

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, presented the Sewer Use Ordinance revisions.

The revisions were as follows:

Amend the Lincoln County Sewer Use Ordinance as follows:

1. Rewrite the first paragraph of Section 2.10 as follows:

### **CONNECTIONS REQUIRED**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, from and after \_\_\_\_\_ 1997, a direct connection to the public sewer system shall be made pursuant to this Ordinance for (1) all new construction within the boundaries of Lincoln County where public sewer service is available and (2) each malfunction for which a repair permit becomes necessary to repair a private system within the area described in (1). No further permits shall be issued for private sewage systems in the area described in (1) after \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

or

Except as otherwise provided in this section, from and after \_\_\_\_\_ 1997, a direct connection to the public sewer system shall be made pursuant to this Ordinance for (1) all new construction within the boundaries of Lincoln County where public sewer service is available and (2) each malfunction for which a repair permit becomes necessary to repair a private system within the area described in (1). No further permits shall be issued for private sewage systems in the area described in (1) after \_\_\_\_\_, 1997. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, however, repair permits may be issued and direct

connections not required for malfunctions described in (2) if such situations meet the criteria of the Lincoln County Health Sanitarian for the issuance of repair permits.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, holders of otherwise valid written permits issued by the Lincoln County Health Sanitarian shall not be required to connect to the public sewer system, provided that such permit holders obtain final inspections by the Sanitarian on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

For purposes of this section, public sewer is "available" where a public sewer line (1) passes within 800 feet of the existing or proposed structure, as the case may be, and (2) either touches the lot on which the existing or proposed structure is located or lies within a right-of-way adjacent to the lot where the structure is located.

Upon connection to a public sewer system, any septic tank, cesspool, or similar private disposal facility, not used for back-up, shall be abandoned and filled with suitable materials.

This Ordinance shall be subject to enforcement by mandatory or prohibitory injunctions and orders of abatement, and violations of this Ordinance shall subject the offender to criminal and/or civil liability as provided in Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Delete the sixth paragraph of Section 2.10.

The Board discussed the revisions.

### **Existing Septic Tanks as Backup to Grinder Pumps**

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, stated to the Board that he, Tom Cox, and Ray Holmes were going to Raleigh to talk to the Department of Insurance to explain the need for existing septic tanks as backup to grinder pumps. Mr. Chapman stated that Mr. Cox explained to the Board of Health that septic tanks are necessary backup to grinder pumps to keep any sewer overflow from going into the lake when there is an extended power lost in the area.

### **Review of Sewer District payment policies**

Doug Chapman, County Engineer, reviewed the sewer district payment policies. Mr. Chapman stated that as of January 1, 1997 the connection fees increased by 10%.

Commissioner Larry Craig stated that in the future the county may want to set up a payment plan for customers outside of the sewer district.

Rick French, County Manager, stated that he will try to setup a work session with the sewer advisory board on February 24, 1997 at the Water Plant.

**ADJOURN**

Being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the governing body of the East Lincoln County Water and Sewer District, Chairman McConnell entertained a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Commissioner James Hallman motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Larry Craig.  
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.