

Franklinton Board of Commissioners
Workshop
January 25, 2010

The workshop was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklinton Town Hall Annex. Those present were Mayor Elic A. Senter, Commissioner John Allers, Commissioner Al Barbour, Commissioner Joe Cutchins, Commissioner Art Wright, Town Manager Larry Carver, Richard Hinkle, Josh Bennett and Assistant Town Clerk Wendy Gilliam. Commissioner Anita Fuller was absent.

Town Manager Larry Carver informed the Board prior to this workshop, that due to an urgent situation, the topic of discussion would be changed from review and discussion of the Town's personnel policy to an update regarding erosion at the upper reservoir.

Town Manager Carver reviewed photographs of the dam reflecting the current erosion at the upper reservoir and explained the urgency of the situation. He informed the Board that there was a large crack along the earthen portion of the dam and an approximately 7 to 7 ½ foot deep section of earth washed out along a cement side of the spillway that had resulted from the recent heavy rain falls. Mr. Carver stated that Mr. Mike Aquesta, of O'Brien and Gere, had recommended that as temporary solution that rip rap be placed on the side of the spillway and that the top board be removed from the dam.

Mr. Richard Hinkle, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent, informed the Board that he had pumped water to the lower reservoir from 11:00 am until 4:45 pm today and had opened the drain valve over this same period of time to lower the water level to relieve the pressure on the dam and allow for the removal of the top board. He stated that foregoing any heavy precipitation he estimated that water level would be low enough to remove the board by the end of the week.

Town Manager Carver stated that in the meantime the affected area had been sectioned off with emergency tape.

Town Manager Carver informed the Board that there were emergency funds available through the Rural Center for projects of this nature, however the Board would need to pass a resolution requesting funding. He also stated that this funding would be a matching loan situation and that the Rural Center and Local Government Commission would most likely require an engineering study of the dam. Mr. Carver noted that, with the temporary measures in place, the Town would have a little time to pursue other avenues for funding, because there was the potential to create a park or natural area for public use at the upper reservoir and that there may be funding for this type of project, which would help defray the cost of the dam repair.

It was the consensus of the Board to move the discussion of the personnel policy to the Planning Retreat scheduled for February 17-18, 2010 and to cancel a workshop scheduled for February 3, 2010.

There being no other business to discuss the workshop was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elic A. Senter, Mayor

Wendy Gilliam, Asst. Town Clerk