

PCWASA receives clean audit opinion for 10th straight year

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority (PCWASA) received a clean opinion from its annual audit, conducted by independent auditors from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, who also did not have any audit findings to report.

In this instance, no news – or findings – is good news for the Authority. The clean audit opinion asserts that the financial statements of PCWASA were fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.



“Not having any audit findings to me speaks volumes about the hard work done by

the Authority’s management,” says David Irwin, CPA with Mauldin & Jenkins, who presented the results of the annual audit at the PCWASA February Board Meeting.

PCWASA continued to have good operating cash flows, which totaled just under \$5 million for FY 2016. Some of the significant financial activities during the year included the purchase of capital assets in the amount of \$4.8 million, principal payments on long-term debt of \$2.2 million, interest payments of \$570,000, and the purchase of investments for approximately \$595,000.

Annual/Emergency Services Contracts save \$

Last fall prior to the beginning of the current fiscal year, PCWASA selected two contractors to fill the Annual Services and Emergency Services Contracts.

Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc. was the low-bid winner of the PCWASA Annual Services Contract, while RDJE, Inc. was the low bidder for the Emergency Services Contract. Both general contractors have worked well for the Authority previously, says PCWASA

General Manager Stephen Hogan. The budget for the Annual Services Contract is not to exceed \$400,000, while the Emergency Services Contract budget is capped at \$50,000.

PCWASA implemented the Annual and Emergency Services Contracts in 2011. The purpose of these contracts is to have contractor-provided services and support available to maintain, repair, and modify portions of the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment operations, which may be beyond the capabilities of PCWASA personnel. An additional requirement of the Emergency Services Contractor is that they must be able to respond to an incident within four hours.

These contracts provide unit pricing for the most common types of materials and equipment needed to construct or repair infrastructure within both the wastewater collection system and treatment plants. By paying a fixed dollar amount on materials and labor for projects outlined in the respective contracts, PCWASA saves time and money, especially in cases of emergency repairs to the system.



Crews from RDJE, Inc. completed sewer line install and rehab work in the Pebblestump neighborhood two years ago. This general contractor won the most recent bid for the PCWASA Emergency Services Contract.

PCWASA Board gets new Members, elects Officers

The PCWASA Board of Directors welcomed two new Board Members and elected the 2017 slate of officers during its January Meeting.

The City Council of Peachtree City appointed John Oakey as a voting Member and Bob Grove as Alternate to fill the two open seats for 2017 on the six-person PCWASA Board. Both men are U.S. Military veterans with extensive business experience, and they have been residents of Peachtree City for more than 30 years.

Oakey retired as a Captain in the U.S. Army, prior to embarking on a career in major business development and sales, in addition to inventory control, contract negotiation and administration, as well as data management and technology.

Bob Grove served six years of active duty as an Aircraft Commander in the U.S. Air Force, and another 24 years as a Squadron and Wing Commander in the Air Force Reserve. He also worked for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta and Miami, before retiring in 1994. He continues his love of flying with the Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing.

The 2017 PCWASA Board is being led by Bill Holland as Chairman and Phil Mahler as Vice Chairman, with Frank Ward stepping into the role of Secretary-Treasurer. John Dufresne, Jr. rounds out the current PCWASA Board of Directors.

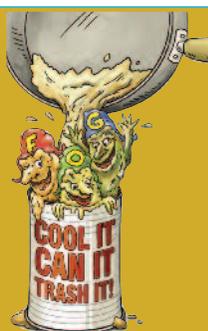
For complete bios on all PCWASA Board Members, check out our website at www.pcwasa.org.



(L to R): The 2017 PCWASA Board of Directors includes: Chairman Bill Holland, Vice-Chairman Phil Mahler, Alternate Bob Grove, Member John Oakey, Member John Dufresne, and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Ward.

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Model Water Tower Competition features Fayette County Students

Want to get middle school students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)? Ask them to build a model water tower and watch them go to work.

That's exactly what took place last October at J.C. Booth Middle School during the first Georgia Model Water Tower Competition held exclusively for Fayette County Schools. PCWASA and Fayette County Water System co-sponsored the 2016 Competition, which was organized by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) and the Georgia Section of the American Water Works Association (GAWWA).

The first-place winner of the 2016 Georgia Model Water Tower Competition in Fayette County was the Booth Middle School team of Emily Eisele, Austin Carmichael, Madeline Nolen, and Sarah Waymon.

The second-place winner was the three-person team of Liam Bourque, Eric Habicht, and Cole Sanford, while third place went to the duo of Olivia Quern and Esther Ofielu,

who also won the Judge's Choice Award for Outstanding Presentation. Both the second and third place teams consisted of students from Booth Middle School.

Other awards from the Georgia Model Water Tower Competition in Fayette County



(L to R): Austin Carmichael, Madeline Nolen, and Emily Eisele show off their winning science project during the 2016 Fayette County Middle School Georgia Model Water Tower Competition. Not pictured: teammate Sarah Waymon.

included Outstanding Achievement in Artistic Design, which went to Kortney Avery and Jayna Davis from Flat Rock Middle School. In addition, the Award for Structural Excellence went to the Booth Middle School team of Jaron Rosenberg, Natalie Frances, Hannah Moore, and Evelyn Gray.

Finally, two awards were given for Outstanding Achievement in Engineering Design to a pair of teams from Booth Middle School. The first went to teammates Raaga Bramhadevi, Priyam Kadakia, Sarah Kilgore, and Adelaide Barrett, while the second went to the team of Rebecca Muh, Natalie Robinson, Elizabeth King, and Kennedi Malone.

The Georgia Model Water Tower Competition challenges middle school students to design and build water towers, with specific size and height requirements, from everyday household items. The water towers are judged based on three criteria, including structural efficiency, hydraulic efficiency, and design ingenuity.

Nathan Brooks inducted into Golden Manhole Society

During the Fall Conference of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP), PCWASA Construction Coordinator Nathan Brooks was inducted into the 2016 Golden Manhole Society.

The Golden Manhole Society was formed in 2003 by the Executive Committee of the Georgia Section of the Water Environment Federation (GWEF) to promote pride and professionalism in the art and science of wastewater collection system operations.

Being selected to join the ranks of the Golden Manhole Society is a high honor, recognizing individuals who have made a significant contribution to the operation, maintenance, design, construction, management, planning, education, training, or certification of collection systems.

Nathan joined PCWASA in October of 1998. He is a licensed Collection System Operator, a Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII), as well as a Level 1B Certified Inspector and a Level II Certified Plans Reviewer for Erosion and Sediment Control.



Nathan Brooks (far right), PCWASA Construction Coordinator, directs a safety demonstration during a past industry conference. Upon the recommendation of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals, Brooks was inducted into the Golden Manhole Society.

Construction bids awarded for major sewer line rehab

Following the February PCWASA Board Meeting, three out of the four proposed construction projects budgeted for FY 2017 were underway. In all, the Authority is investing more than \$576,000 to repair or replace failing portions of the PCWASA Collection and Conveyance System.

The first project, totaling more than \$218,000, was awarded to Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc. This work entails replacing an aging 8-inch clay pipe and then moving that sewer line running

under the railroad near Paschall and Huddlestson Roads.

The Authority awarded a second contract for a little more than \$358,000 to RDJE, Inc. to repair and replace failing portions of the two force mains servicing PCWASA Pump Stations #2 and #3, while installing gravity sewer lines as well. This work will entail the repair of 12", 18", 24", and 30-inch pipe.

Collectively, the bids for these three projects came in approximately \$68,000 under budget.

Drought Response Continues

Georgia EPD Level 2 Drought Response is in effect for 52 metro Atlanta counties, including Fayette.

PCWASA customers should follow the current outdoor watering restrictions:

Even numbered addresses: Wednesday and Sunday, before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.

Odd numbered addresses: Thursday and Sunday, before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.

Updates/changes to the outdoor water use schedule are available at:

www.epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation.

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