

UOB To Promote Water Sales

BY RAHN ADAMS

With the goal of eventually making the county's water system self-sustaining, the Brunswick County Utility Operations Board (UOB) this week appointed a subcommittee to promote the sale of water both inside and out of the county.

At Monday's regular UOB meeting in Bolivia, Chairman Robert Nubel, Edward Gore and William English agreed to serve on the subcommittee, which will contact industries, developers and municipalities about county water service.

As an example, Water Systems Manager Kenneth Hewett suggested that the subcommittee contact the City of Wilmington, to see if the city would be interested in becoming a Brunswick County water customer.

Hewett said it was his understanding that Wilmington was considering expansion of its water system in an area that could be served by Brunswick County, and that a water service arrangement would be beneficial to both parties.

According to UOB Administrator John Harvey, the county now has treated water capacity available. The county's new water plant is

located near Hood's Creek in the Northwest Township community of Malmø.

UOB members Monday night also discussed "missing links" in the county's water system—areas where additional trunk lines will eventually be needed.

Board members reviewed a map that outlined potential needs, as determined by former County Engineer Dan Shields, consulting engineer Jerry Lewis and the UOB itself.

Hewett told the board that according to water usage figures, the water system's capacity to serve areas south of Shallotte will have to be increased within the next couple of years to keep up with development.

He identified other growth areas for water service as Southport-Oak Island and Holden Beach.

According to Harvey, the UOB will be "exploring ways and means of arriving at a plan showing just what is needed on the base (water) system to support future growth and development, and what the real priorities are to provide such additional system, and what it will cost."

One other measure taken Monday by the UOB was to authorize an engineering study for a preliminary encroachment agreement involving potential construction of a county water line along U.S. 17 from Shallotte to the South Carolina line.

Hewett told the board that future water lines may not be allowed on major highway right-of-ways; therefore, the county needs to file a preliminary encroachment agreement as soon as possible if it should ever want to run lines south on U.S. 17.

In another matter, the UOB approved a proposal for the county and Channel Side Corp. to split the cost of running a 12-inch water line to the en-

trance road of Lockwood Folly subdivision. The developer will then construct and operate its own water distribution system.

The proposal was accepted by county commissioners Oct. 5, pending UOB approval.

After agreeing to the plan, the UOB met in an executive session for 55 minutes to discuss with UOB Attorney Mike Ramos the legal aspects of possibly charging an impact fee to property owners who later tap on to the 1.6-mile line to Lockwood Folly.

Prior to the executive session, Gore pointed out that under Channel Side's proposal, a number of property owners along the line will not have to pay the minimum six-inch line assessment, as would be done through special assessment district policy.

The UOB took no action following the closed-door session, except to authorize Lewis and Associates to design the 12-inch line for the Lockwood Folly project and to have Ramos draw up necessary contracts in the project.

Other Business

In other business the UOB:

- Voted to recommend to commissioners that the county condemn property wherever necessary to proceed with water projects in Special Assessment Districts (S.A.D.s) 1 and 2, and authorized engineering for bids on both projects, with bid openings planned for Nov. 12;

- Heard from consulting engineer Alan Lewis that his firm has completed 50 percent of the drafting and design survey on S.A.D. 3;

- Voted to recommend to commissioners that a public hearing be set on a preliminary assessment resolution for S.A.D. 4;

- Approved two minor changes in the county's water system minimum specifications.



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Guard The Forts, Boys

Two sets of brothers were busy building "land assault forts" in the straw of a driveway on Village Road Friday afternoon. "We do this ever once in a while," said James David Danford, 11, (second from left). Joining

him with soldiers and assault vehicles of their own were (from left) Daniel Mark Smith, 12; Shawn Marcus Smith, 6; and William Brett Danford, 7.

Teen Hurt In Weekend Wreck

A Longwood teenager was injured Sunday when the car in which he was a passenger collided with another vehicle in Calabash.

According to Highway Patrol Spokesperson Ruby Oakley, the accident occurred Sunday at 11:50 a.m. near the intersection of Thomasboro Road and Persimmon Road.

A 1984 Datsun driven by Terry Alan Faw, 31, of Rock Hill, S.C., was traveling east on Persimmon Road and ran through a stop sign at the Thomasboro Road intersection into the path of a 1984 Pontiac driven by Nancy Leigh Hines, 17, of Longwood, Ms. Oakley said.

Trooper R.L. Murray charged Faw with a stop sign violation, she said.

Ms. Oakley said a passenger in the Hines auto, Russell Hines, 14, of Longwood, was taken by rescue squad ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply for treatment of non-incapacitating injuries. Both drivers complained of injury but did not require hospital treatment.

Murray estimated damage to the vehicles at \$2,100 to the Faw car and \$1,000 to the Hines auto.

A South Carolina man escaped injury Friday afternoon in a single-vehicle crash near Ocean Isle Beach.

Ms. Oakley said the accident happened Friday at 5 p.m., 3.7 miles north of Ocean Isle on Ocean Isle Beach Road.

A 1986 GMC pickup truck driven by Craig Levon Martin, 19, of Galivant's Ferry, S.C., ran off the right side of the road at a high rate of speed and struck a tree, she said.

Trooper J.V. Dove charged Martin with driving while impaired, she said.

Dove estimated damages at \$3,000 to the truck and \$500 to a tree and fence owned by James Bellamy of Shallotte.

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