

# West Fork Water and Wastewater Utility

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## Water and Wastewater Commission Minutes October 3, 2012

The West Fork Water and Wastewater Commission met Wednesday October 3, 2012 at the city administration building for a regular meeting.

Members present: Mr. Andy Baughman, Mr. Joe Toher, Mr. Virgil Blackmon

Others present: Butch Bartholomew, Robert White, Cassi Boyd, Steve Winkler, Joan Wright, Don Rollins

1. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Virgil Blackmon at 12:00p.m.
2. Minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Baughman made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Toher, all voted for.
3. Commission reviewed the system total report for September.
4. Commission was given a hand out from Mr. Bartholomew for the final state fire inspection of the West Fork Elementary School cafeteria. They were informed of an Open house that will be held Sunday October 7, 2012. The Cafeteria will open for use Monday October 8, 2012.
5. Commission was reminded of the upcoming fall clean-up on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
6. Commission was given an update by Mr. Robert White regarding the wastewater line extension to Fayetteville. He gave a projected time of this taking place by July 2014 but stated that there were some factors that would have to be addressed. Easements have to be obtained from West Fork to Fayetteville and also funding has to be in place before the project will start.
7. Commission given a copy of a Public Affairs Advisory handout with an article of rising water rates. Mr. Bartholomew explained the reasons for potential rate increases as they were listed in the article on this handout.
8. Commission was informed of a new pump being installed in our water pump station. The preexisting pump had been in operation from 1987 to present.
9. Commission was given a water facts handout prepared by Mrs. Kristie Drymon .
10. Mr. Blackmon then opened the meeting up for public comment. Mr. Steve Winker had a question about Mrs. Drymon's fact sheet handout that she prepared for the water department regarding the wording of fund constraints. Mr. Bartholomew then answered by stating that the unaccounted for water from that time frame was the cause of the water department needing to borrow funds from the city. Mr. Don Rollins then asked if the proposed sewer line extension to the City of Fayetteville would relieve sewer problems that happen on his street. Mr. Bartholomew answered by stating that the new sewer line would not help and that he was not aware the problems continued to happen as often as Mr. Rollins stated and that he would get someone over to Mr. Rollins house to fix this problem. Mr. Winkler asked if the commission was going to discuss the possible dismissal of the water commission in the upcoming election to

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which Mr. Toher responded stating the he did not want to borrow trouble. Mr. Toher and Mr. Winkler discussed this issue for some time. Mr. Blackmon then opened the floor to Mr. Rollins. Mr. Rollins stated appreciation to Butch and the city council for helping him with sewer problems that his house received in 2010.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Baughman and seconded by Mr. Toher to adjourn the meeting at 12:55p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Mitchell".

Mike Mitchell  
Secretary