
**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: City of Woodbine requesting consent for an underground storage facility to be placed at the Satilla River Waterfront Park, at the City's expense & used for disposal of cooking water from Annual Crawfish Festival.

DEPARTMENT: Office of the County Engineer

AUTHORIZED BY: Steve Howard – 510-0464 **CONTACT:** John Stokes – 576 - 8653

MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee's request for permission from the County to install an underground concrete tank on County/City jointly-owned property in Satilla River Waterfront Park in Woodbine for storage of hot water from outdoor cooking operations is hereby granted with the understanding that the stored water will be transported to a treatment plant rather than dumped into the Satilla River, and furthermore, that all work related to this will be at the Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee's expense. The City of Woodbine has granted permission for this installation.

BACKGROUND:

The Woodbine Crawfish Festival is set for April 24th and 25th in Satilla River Waterfront Park in Woodbine.

The festivities revolve – of course - around eating a lot of crawfish (that are cooked in large cauldrons of spice-laden, boiling water.) In years past the hot water and any cooking remains from these cooking vessels was simply dumped into the adjacent Satilla River.

Camden County's Environmental Health Department has objected to this disposal method as being not entirely healthful to the Satilla River, and has made their objection known to the City and the Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee.

So, in response, the Steering Committee plans this year – before the current Festival - to permanently install behind the park's pavilions a 1000 gallon underground concrete storage tank and underground collection lines to transport the hot liquid from the cooking vessels to the tank.

When the Festival is over, the tank will be emptied by a septic service that will transport the liquid to the City's nearby treatment facility for more proper disposal.

(Should any other events be held at the park that will result in similar, large production of hot cooking liquids, the City plans to take the same actions as outlined above for the Crawfish Festival)

Since the Satilla River Waterfront Park is owned jointly by the City of Woodbine and Camden County, the Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee seeks the County's permission to proceed with plans to install the tank and collection lines on County/City property as outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The staff recommends the motion be passed and permission granted.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Correspondence with City of Woodbine.

From: Sandy Rayson [mailto:cityofwoodbine@tds.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 1:58 PM

To: Steve Howard

Subject: Request for Permission to Install 1,000 Gallon Holding Tank at Satilla River Waterfront Park

Steve:

This email is to confirm that Mayor Clark has approved the installation of the cooking water holding tank at the Satilla River Waterfront Park for use during the Crawfish Festival since this is a requirement by the Camden County Environmental Health Department.

Please call should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sandy

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