they have adopted and by essentially engaging a law firm to take action to stop this transfer," said town attorney John Wessell.

Wessell said the next step will be for the law firm to prepare and file the civil action, which he said should happen in the near future.

H2GO and Leland have had a long-standing feud, earlier this year the Leland Town Council passed a resolution urging H2GO to hold off on construction of the RO plant until after the Nov. 7 election and then challenged a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality to H2GO for the RO plant.

Beer, who won a seat on the H2GO board during the Nov. 7 election, said he was shocked and disappointed by the H2GO board's decision to transfer its assets to Belville.

"I wasn't quite sure how to take that news and process it," Beer said. "Actually I'm still processing it. The resolution that was mentioned and spoken by director (Bob) Walker mentioned my name and other names specifically, which surprised me as well and sort of indicated that one of the reasons why they were doing this was that the new board was going to change and that surprised me that they would resort to that kind of action."

H2GO Commissioner Jeff Gerken, who has fought against plant construction since his election in 2015, said he believes Leland's actions are "entirely appropriate."

"The action that happened last night is just wrong," Gerken said. "It's an attempt to undo the election of the person who won election in a fair count."

Rodney McCoy, who also won a seat on the H2GO board on a pro-RO plant slate, said he "fully expected" Leland's action against H2GO's decision and appreciates "the town of Belville being concerned enough about its citizens and clean, safe water" to get involved.

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From: Rodney McCoy [mailto:rmccoy4@ec.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 1:35 PM
To: 'Steve Hosmer' <steve@stepndry.com>
Cc: rjenkins53@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: H2GO Meeting location change for Tuesday

Steve
That was an interesting bombshell last night. That was something that I was given a heads up at the last minute. Personally, I think it is good all around.

Thank you and your friends so much for being involved. A couple of things fell in place. 1- the tenor of the campaign changed to one issue of water quality, and not all the BS the other side tried to push. 2. The overwhelming support provided for doing the right thing that everyone that spoke and attended provided. I think that was what was needed at this time.

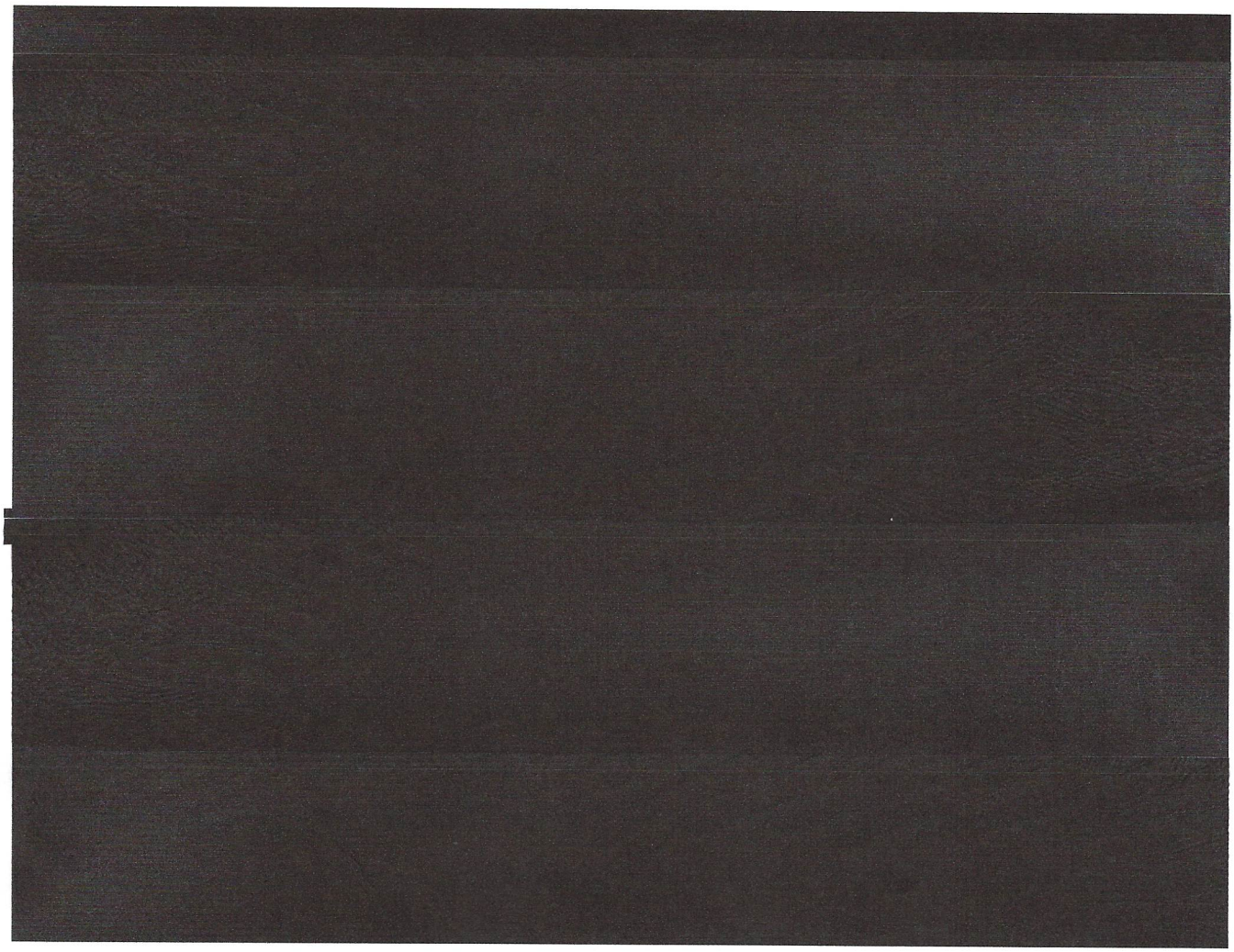
This does at least two things, I feel.
-The RO Plant can now progress and be completed as planned and hopefully in an expedited manner. WE can look forward to clean water soon. Also, by partnering with Belville, this puts a layer between the power hungry Leland Council and H2GO.
-By partnering with Belville, this also insures that Leland, or Brunswick County will not be able to take over, and will make it that much harder to do any sort of forced annexation. I agree that it would be no advantage for Compass Point to be annexed into Leland.

What has happened today.
Belville took a recess from their meeting last week til today, and had their meeting this morning about 8. The resolution was made and approved for the receipt of all funds from H2GO.
Immediately, all papers were signed and the necessary people went to the courthouse for filing.
After that, they went to the bank, and transferred all funds. I understand that there is one CD left to do as it required a couple extra signatures.
-So that is a done deal
Leland had an emergency meeting at 9 this morning. This meeting may be invalid as I was told that the state statutes required a 24 hour notice. We will see.
They passed a resolution to see a law firm, investigate and initiate a civil suit. I do not know how this will all go.

You saw the response, everyone was so pleased with this action. I hope you do not feel left out on any of this, but the ones involved had to be very quiet as the other side is so devious.

Thanks again, and I feel sure that we will still need your help as this develops. Feel free to contact me is you have any ideas or suggestions.

Rodney McCoy



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RE: H2GO Meeting location change for Tuesday

You replied to this message on 11/30/2017 9:05 PM.

Steve
I have been going over what happened Tuesday night to better under stand things. From my understanding, Compass Point came out to be the biggest winners. Two reasons, you will get the clean water just like everyone wants. Second, by Belville owning all assets, that puts an additional layer between Leland and H2GO. That will make things exponentially more difficult for any sort of involuntary annexation. If things had remained the same, there would still be a continuous fight to have H2GO taken over by either Leland or the County. Now that is very unlikely.

Also, for information, Belville met yesterday from 8-9 and approved things, Papers were signed, papers were registered at the courthouse, all money was transferred. This was complete by noon.

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Thanks

Rodney McCoy

From: Steve Hosmer [mailto:steve@stepndry.com]
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It was interesting last night and wonderful to hear the overwhelming and passionate support for continuing what you have started. Thanks for keeping me up to date and thanks for all of your work.

Please see this report from Makenzie Holland of the Star News and keep on keeping on. . .

Steve

Tuesday night, the H2GO Board of Commissioners voted to transfer the utility's assets to Belville in a last ditch effort to salvage the future of H2GO's controversial $34 million reverse osmosis plant project, which has been threatened by the election of Bill Beer to the H2GO board, who is against the plant.

As a result of the H2GO board's decision, the town of Leland called an emergency meeting Wednesday morning to discuss what course of action to take following H2GO's actions and decided to authorize the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend to "investigate and initiate a civil action to prevent the transfer of assets by Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO to the town of Belville."

"I think the town has strong concerns about this action and they have expressed those concerns by virtue of the motion