

Watkins responds to council lawsuit threat

By John Shepard
Carlisle Staff Writer

Charles Watkins, former chairman of the Nicholas County Water District, responded angrily to allegations made at the last Public Service Commission (PSC) meeting that the former water district board left the utility organization in a state of financial distress.

Watkins, who served as a member and chairman of the water district for 28 years, expressed dismay over the reported discussion between new board chairman Garvey Curtisinger and the Carlisle City Council during the regular council meeting Monday night, May 11.

At the regular May meeting City Council had requested a meeting with the Nicholas County Water District board to settle a four-year-old dispute concerning an easement of city water lines across the property of Jim Simons to reach the water station at the Licking River.

According to the discussion during the regular council meeting, an agreement was reached in which Simons would allow the city an easement through his property provided he would receive water from the city lines until such time as the Nicholas County water district brought water lines out Myers Road.

It was the contention of city councilman Ronnie Clark that the water district had not fulfilled their part of the agreement and for months council had discussed bringing a lawsuit against the district.

However, according to former chairman Watkins, the story presented at council was an incomplete version of the Simons agreement.

In 1988, Watkins said, he, as chairman of the water district, was asked to meet with city supervisor Gayle Vandlandingham, Mayor Lee Betts and City Attorney Skip Watson to discuss the Simons agreement. This meeting, Watkins said, occurred prior to a regular council meeting.

During the session between them, Watkins was asked to consider signing a three-party agreement between the district, the city and present the agreement to Simons. Watkins said he refused to sign the three-party agreement.

"I don't believe in three-party agreements," Watkins said.

However, Watkins said, he did agree to sign a letter in which the Nicholas County Water District "would provide water to the James Simons family and other families in the area from White Chimney Road to Myers under the same condition as any other customer would receive under their circumstances," Watkins said.

However, Watkins said, the water district could not extend lines to the Myers area immediately because pressure at the water pumps was not up to standard. "The pumps were only delivering four to 12 pounds of pressure at the time we made the agreement. According to the water board's agreement, pressure must be maintained at 30 pounds," Watkins said.

Also, the water district required an application for water lines to be served, Watkins said. When the water district commissioner received a request from Simons, three other water line projects were already under construction, Watkins said. The Concord, Mt. Marsh and Law Estates extensions.

Since that time the former members of the commission resigned. Watkins himself officially resigned on October 2, 1991.

Watkins expressed some

annoyance that Curtisinger reported the water district to be in a state of financial hardship.

"We have had annual audits and inspections from the Public Service Commission (PSC), from our own engineers, and from the Kentucky Department of Water, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Never once were we cited as having a water district in poor shape, either financially or in water quality," Watkins said.

In fact, Watkins said when he left October 1, Nicholas County Water District customers had one of the lowest water rates in Kentucky and one of the lowest per capita bills ratio per customer, approximately \$400 per customer. "That debt ratio is very, very low," Watkins said.

In addition the water district has added 125 new customers over the past year, he said.

As to financial hardship, the new water district does indeed face expenditures on a new water tower required by the PSC that the former water district commission did not face and its cost will cut considerably into the commission's profits.

When asked to comment on Watkins' reactions, the new Nicholas County Water District chairman Curtisinger said, "I am pleased that the new FFA officers were elected to office Friday night at the annual FFA Banquet. New officers are Daniel Ford, Sentinel Shawn Beason, Treasurer Ron Day, Reporter Tina Fryman, Vice President Shane Smith, President Jody Powell, Assistant Sentinel conduct of meeting, Tom Sexton, Assistant Treasurer Eddie Tischer, Assistant Reporter, Public Relations, Danny Barnett, Assistant Vice Chairman, Mike Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bryce Price, Scholarship Chairman, John Buckler, Community Chairman, Steven Bloomfield, Community Service, Wesley Tischer, Alumni Chairman, Julie Hogg, Recreation Chairman, Not Pictured, Jody Barty, Secretary."

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Lion's Club to host magic show May 22

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Lion's Club will be sponsoring yet another grand event for Nicholas County's pleasure.

Roger Despard, a professional magician for the past 18 years, has put on the annual magic show prepared to be amazed with an evening of featuring a variety of wild special effects, flash pots, smoke, and fog accompanying on stage.

This year, the show goes into ultrahigh tech as Roger Despard will take a 10,000-watt laser gun and cut his daring wife in half. Also new for their 1992 show is the Tube Illusion from Germany in which Roger appears to pierce Lee Ann with four geometric objects. She then vanishes and reappears.

Included with these illusions are many other illusions of the world of magic such as the famous levitation of Lee Ann and Harry Houdini's trunk escape.

Note please that the magic show is intended as family entertainment, good fun for all ages from children to senior citizens. All magic performers on stage is done by natural skill. Roger has no supernatural abilities or powers.

Proceeds for the show will benefit eye glasses and eye operations for children and adults in Carlisle and Nicholas County.



Brad Wallace was the winner of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority lawn mower give-away Monday afternoon in a drawing. Wallace is pictured on his new lawn mower.

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR NICHOLAS COUNTY

In accordance with Chapter 134, Kentucky Revised Statutes, all tax claims must be advertised for sale. The following delinquent tax claims for 1991 will be offered for sale at the Courthouse, Carlisle, Kentucky, at 10:00 A.M. May 23, 1992.

TAX BILL NO.	TAXPAYER	AMOUNT
36	Allen Heirs & Chester Stevenson	18.60
96	James E. Allen	247.16
100	Janet E. Angel	421.52
128	Greg Bach	38.32
135	Douglas Baker	402.36
141	Frank Baker	47.90
163	James Alton Barlow's Carry-Out	143.70
164	Joe Beatty III	76.64
165	James Biddle	72.94
193	Blue Grass Coca-Cola Bottling	359.26
234	LYNN Bowles	124.54
233	James Bradley	39.54
308	Harold Bretz	192.56
309	Thomas Bretz	74.40
323	Robert Brown Heirs	64.20
350	Charles Buckner	84.42
381	Butkus Buckner	172.44
418	Charles Buswell	421.52
449	Robert Brown Heirs	16.74
494	Charles Cameron	13.96
495	Charles Cameron	95.80
512	Wm. Mullins	95.80
539	Burford Campbell	212.64
557	Carolyne Capps	114.75
556	Carlisle Mfg. Co.	417.63
564	Bob Paul	229.92
577	Glen D. Caskey	95.80
613	Jacqueline Cheek	133.55
639	Lena Clark & Mary E. Young	9.30
744	Wilburn Conyers	111.60
751	James E. Cooper	9.58
762	Jackie & Billie Cox	364.04
763	Margaret Cox	23.96
770	James Coy	14.38
779	Elsie Crawford	29.71
780	Gary Crawford	43.12
792	Gary Crawford	95.80
793	Joe David Crawford	198.32
791	Raymond Crawford	138.92
888	Ricky Dale	234.72
874	Clarence Dampier	67.06
949	Kathy Dixon	622.70
1018	Danny Earlywine	9.58
1026	John T. Earlywine	71.86
1031	Chester Ecton	16.74
1043	Johnny M. Edwards	287.40
1064	David Evans	14.38
1073	Mike Evans	23.96
1080	John M. Ewalt	411.94
1122	Linda Fenwick	81.44
1176	Mark E. Fraley & Lisa Dunaway	38.32
1182	Marvin Frederick	154.25
1210	Harold Fryman	129.34
1221	L. J. Fryman Est.	23.96
1271	Brenda Mitchell Gain	162.86
1326	Marshall Gaunce	210.76
1329	Roy C. Gaunce	76.64
1336	Ronnie Go	114.96
1395	Katy B. Glavin	195.60
1409	John W. Gorrell	114.96
1410	Lloyd Graham	76.64
1464	Elmer Goss	28.74
1547	Larry Hammond	14.38
1583	David Hardin II	162.86
1612	Wm. S. Hardin, Jr.	239.50
1581	Nancy Hatfield	362.70
1747	Hopkins Ashland & Marion Hopkins	84.04
1761	Marion Hopkins	383.20
1811	Nattie Howard	23.26
1823	Billie Joe Hubbard	392.78
1871	Mark Hunt	19.16
1878	Robt. P. Hunter	379.37

1991

Belinda J. Ishmael	239.50
James A. Johnson Est.	23.26
J. R. Johnson	28.74
Walter Johnson	23.26
Albertus Jones	244.30
Jean Jones	13.96
Mahall Jones	383.20
Johnny Kidwell	95.80
Stevan L. Kimes	95.80
Asbury McCuffey, Jr.	232.50
Robert McCuffey	27.90
Earl Mcintosh	497.26
Richard Metcalf Est.	2.79
Rick Miller	268.24
Cecil D. Mitchell	268.24
James C. Mitchell	14.38
Tilton Mitchell	81.44
James T. Moore	117.83
Bennie Morris, Jr.	359.26
Joan T. Morris	383.20
Fowell Morris	473.92
Sophy Mynear	392.78
Wm. Roger Mynear	9.58
Natural Blue Licks Co. Nicholas Co. Development	383.20
19th Hole of Carnico Inc.	697.50
19th Hole of Carnico	181.24
Golf Course	578.95
19th Hole of Carnico	47.90
Alice Housley	135.72
Louise C. se	910.10
Barbara A. Peoples	134.12
Donald K. Perkins & Elsie Crawford	81.44
Tressia H. Sammons	87
Freddie Peather	76.64
Blaine K. Price	191.60
Phillip Price	119.76
Joann Purcell	47.06
Cora Rankin	38.32
Virgil C. Ritchie, Jr.	153.28
Eddie M. Shields	421.52
Wm. J. Siders, Jr.	332.44
Bobby Smith	19.16
Kimberly Sosby & Steve Herrington	296.98
Wm. Sparks	86.22
Noreen Stevenson	125.56
Evelyn D. Stith	23.26
Paul Stith	354.46
Ronnie Stone	81.44
Marie Stout	4.66
Mattie Tate	2.79
Carl D. Thomas	440.68
Bobby Tischer	234.72
Nancy Tolliver Est.	3.83
Ralph Treadway	110.18
Ricky Tudor	33.54
Berry Tyler Est.	47.90
Tracy Vice	306.56
Jack Wainwright	180.81
Jerry Warmouth	47.90
John Washington Est.	18.60
Gary Whitaker	39.54
Michael R. Wigglesworth	23.96
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Ricky Willoughby	411.94
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Wm. H. Fryman	3.72
Leonard Young	3.72
Wallace Johnson	

The above tax claims constitutes a lien upon the real estate and are subject to the following cost: 6% penalty when certificate of delinquency is filed; interest at 12% per annum; Sheriff's fee and advertising cost to be determined later.

s/Charles Riny, Sheriff of Nicholas County

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