

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 4, 2023

At 7:37 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held in the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

Members: Allin, Begovich (absent), Cammarata (absent), Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Rubin, Roberson

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger (absent), Jaatinen (absent)

Staff: J. Bolton, Cotten, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others: none

Upon separate motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, unless otherwise noted, the following actions were taken:

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the April 20, 2023, Meeting.

Committee Reports

Water Quality and Supply Committee Meeting

Mr. Roberson reported that the Committee had robust discussions about the Low Flow Allocation Agreement (LFAA) and draft comments on EPA's Proposed Drinking Water Regulations for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Matters by Members

Chairman Allin noted that Mr. Cammarata and Mr. Begovich were not in attendance this evening.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- The new audio system approved by the Board in December is scheduled for installation later in May. Supply chain issues have delayed this improvement. The replacement audio system at the Griffith Treatment Plant is scheduled for installation in June.
- Public Affairs Staff are continuing to see more requests for outreach events. The Water Bar was back in operation last weekend at the County's Earth Day event. Ms. Miller's team also did a presentation on the value of tap water at a meeting of The Friends of Holmes Run. Staff also gave a tour of the Griffith Treatment Plant to a group of 60 students from King Abdullah Academy last week.
- A group of national water and wastewater utility associations recently completed a report on the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) that was created following the pandemic. LIHWAP has not been funded by Congress beyond its initial year and these organizations

recommend that the program be funded annually and continue to be administered by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Copies of the report summary were provided to Members.

- The Washington Post recently published an opinion piece that was a response to water infrastructure failures in the country. The author of the new opinion piece is staff at the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and largely attributed these failures to the inability of utilities to raise rates to fund infrastructure renewal due to affordability issues.
- An article on utility governance was provided to Members. The author discussed the benefits of structures like Fairfax Water, an independent authority, compared to utilities that are part of the municipal government.
- A recent online article discussed the reaction of the City of Alexandria Council to PFAS in drinking water. The article mentioned Virginia American water testing results but did not mention Fairfax Water. Staff indicated that the data in the article is consistent with results from the Griffith Water Treatment Plant PFAS testing.
- The Annual Performance Review for 2022 was provided to Members. The following were noted:
 - Miles of main installed by Fairfax Water for 2022 was about half of that installed in 2021. This is largely a result of when mains are reported as “installed.” Mains are not reported as installed until all restoration work, such as paving, has been completed. Additionally, a new Water Main Installation and Service Contractor was onboarded last year and there was a ramp-up period. Also, Fairfax Water continued to experience longer delivery times for ductile iron pipe. Miles of main installed to date in 2023 is more than half of what was reported for all of 2022 and staff expects the 2023 end of year number to be higher than 2021.
 - For the first time in ten years, actual expenses for chemicals and purchased power exceeded budget. This is due to the significant price increases that Fairfax Water is experiencing for both of these critical inputs, as has been discussed in previous meetings.
 - Customer outage time as a result of water main breaks remains just over three hours.
 - The 2022 Annual Performance Review will be the last one to reflect data from prior to the acquisitions of the City of Fairfax and City of Falls Church water systems.
- The Employee Service Awards Luncheon will be held on May 18 at 11:15 a.m. at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant. The Board meeting of May 18 will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Griffith Plant.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for one project totaling \$143,100. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this meeting.

Reston Pump Station Electrical Upgrades

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$475,000 to Project 0215A, Division 041 and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with CDM Smith in the amount of \$375,562 for the design of the Reston Pump Station electrical upgrades.

Approval of Agreement with Loudoun Water

The Board approved the execution of the Emergency Interconnection Agreement with Loudoun Water at Innovation Station.

Award of Contract and Appropriation of Funds

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$219,376.54 to Project 3652, Division 3, and awarded a contract to Agilent Technologies in the amount of \$219,376.54 to furnish and install one GC and one GC/MS utilizing Virginia Tech University Contract #VTG-064-2016.

Motion Regarding Discussion Item (3a) Water Resources Development Act of 2022 Potomac Supplemental Supply Study

Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Colleton, that the letters of support be sent from Fairfax Water to the Senate Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Energy and to the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Energy. The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary