

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 20, 2023

At 7:26 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 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, Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones (absent), Griffin, Rubin, Roberson

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

Staff: Atapoor, Bolton, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, T. Jones, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Robey

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 6, 2023, Meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Mr. Roberson reported that Mike Garber of PBMares LLP presented the results of the annual audit of Fairfax Water's financial statements and provided a "clean" opinion of the statements. The Committee recommended the Board accept the financial audit results. Upon motion by Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the full Board accepted the audit results.

Mr. Cammarata requested a discussion of staff's response to the information system audit at a future meeting.

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Mr. Begovich reported that staff gave a comprehensive presentation on the evaluation of electric vehicles in the Fairfax Water fleet.

Mr. Dotson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the Board endorse staff's recommendation with respect to the Fairfax Water fleet, including:

1. Conducting a vehicle electrification pilot at the new Central Maintenance Facility.
2. Proceeding with routine purchase of vehicles as required with consideration given to purchase of hybrid vehicles as availability and delivery times allow.
3. Evaluating use of alternative fuels for Fairfax Water's Heavy Duty Vehicles.
4. Continuing to track federal or other incentives to reduce Fairfax Water's cost for fleet electrification or use of alternative vehicle fuels.

Each item in the motion was voted on separately and approved:

1. Passed with a 7 to 2 vote, with Mr. Cammarata and Mr. Day voting against.
2. Passed with a 7 to 2 vote, with Mr. Cammarata and Mr. Day voting against.
3. Passed with a 7 to 2 vote, with Mr. Cammarata and Mr. Day voting against.
4. Passed unanimously.

Matters by Members

Mr. Cammarata requested clarification on Fairfax Water's practice as it relates to contact with the press. He suggested that inquiries related to policy be directed to the Chairman (or his designee) for response and inquiries related to technical matters be directed to the General Manager for response. Ms. Colleton suggested that the Public Affairs Officer continue to respond to press inquiries directly. The Board engaged in discussion with consensus that staff's current approach to press inquiries continue.

Mr. Rubin asked staff for an update on a response to the EPA's proposed PFAS regulations for drinking water. The General Manager reported that staff is drafting comments and will share them at the May 4 meeting. Staff has also participated in weekly calls with the Regulatory Affairs Committee of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies. The General Manager will attend a May 3 meeting with the EPA and other utilities to discuss the proposed regulation and the potential impact on water utilities and their customers. Mr. Rubin suggested that the response point out the continued use of PFAS materials in manufacturing. Mr. Roberson suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the White House and that staff does not address cost in the letter.

Mr. Allin attended the tour at the Corbalis Water Treatment Plant that Fairfax Water hosted for a delegation from the Philippines and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) staff. The delegation desired to learn more about governance and finance for water utilities. The staff gave an excellent presentation which led to great conversations.

Mr. Allin presented Theresa Robey, Director of Technology, with a resolution on behalf of Fairfax Water's Board Members in recognition of her years of service and upcoming retirement. Ms. Robey thanked the Board Members for the resolution.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Bao Nguyen has been appointed the Acting Director of Technology effective Friday, April 28.
- Staff appreciated Mr. Allin's contributions at the meeting with the delegation from the Philippines.
- Earlier today, Nat Atapoor gave a presentation to Supervisor Palchik and the Providence District Planning Commissioner about Fairfax Water's Poplar Heights Tank. The briefing included a preliminary site layout and perspectives of the tank from various locations. Staff will schedule public information meetings in June to be followed by Fairfax Water's applications for a Special Exception and 2232 determination with Fairfax County in August or September.
- On April 18, Staff attended the annual meeting of the Low Flow Allocation Agreement signatories. The permitting and design efforts for Loudoun Water's Milestone Reservoir continue and they expect it to be under construction by 2024 and online by 2028. The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) staff reported that precipitation levels are low, and the probability of needing releases for upstream reservoirs has increased.
- Chemical contracts are included in tonight's administrative items for approval because suppliers were unwilling to renew at the increases provided for in the prior contracts. Chemical prices continue to significantly outpace inflation.
- Prince William Supervisor Boddy recently met with Prince William County Service Authority, Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) staff and Dr. Grant from the Occoquan Watershed

Monitoring Laboratory to talk about PFAS in drinking water. He asked NVRC to draft a resolution for the Commission's consideration on developing outreach and educational materials on PFAS topics for the region. Gregory Prelewicz received an invitation from Supervisor Boddy's staff to attend a public meeting discussing PFAS, but the date has not yet been determined.

- Summer customer newsletters will be going out in May and will include an article on PFAS.
- Senators Warner and Kaine both submitted requests for congressionally directed spending for the Potomac Supplemental Supply study authorized under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022. The funding requests were for fiscal year 2024. Congressman Connolly submitted a similar request under community project funding.
- Mr. Prelewicz gave an overview of the feasibility of using the Occoquan and Griffith plants to provide regional supplemental storage.
- Mr. McGranahan noted that the small claims matter for Warrant in Debt has been moved from small claims to General District Court.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$73,727. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this meeting.

Award of Contracts

The Board awarded contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders: Thornton, Musso & Bellemin, Inc. in the annual estimated amount of \$105,625 for the purchase of copper sulfate, Univar Solutions USA, Inc. in the annual estimated amount of \$684,750 for the purchase of hydrofluorosilicic acid, USALCO, LLC in the annual estimated amount of \$5,764,720 for the purchase of polyaluminum chloride and Kuehne Chemical Co., Inc. in the annual estimated amount of \$4,033,000 for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite, 15%. The total estimated amount of these contracts is \$10,588,095. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. The Board further authorized staff to renew the contracts for one additional year so long as prices remain fair, reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Employee Recognition - Chapter 5 of the Human Resources Policy Handbook

The Board approved revisions to Chapter 5 of the Human Resources Policy Handbook.

Project 2747 – Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Compliance Initiative, Division 1 – Program Management

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$420,000 to Project 2747, Division 1 and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with Arcadis in the amount of \$348,058 for the program management of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions compliance initiative.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary