

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 2, 2024

At 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held in the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

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

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger

Staff: Creel, Goldberg, Hedges, Kingsbury, Long, Love, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Siminari, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Kyle McGee, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (attended Closed Session only)

Others: N/A

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

Approval of Participation by Electronic Communication

Mr. Doston moved, with a second by Mr. Griffin, that Mr. Cammarata's request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved his request pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Mr. Cammarata participated by means of electronic communication from Charleston, South Carolina, where he had traveled for business.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 18, 2024, Meeting.

Closed Session

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Rubin, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 for discussion or consideration of assignment, promotion, resignation, and performance of specific public employees of Fairfax Water, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body specifically relating to PFAS-related litigation, including the pending multi-district federal litigation, and Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)8 for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically relating to potential recovery of PFAS-related costs.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich moved, seconded by Mr. Day, certifying, in accordance with Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open Meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Virginia Code, and (ii) only such public business matters as were publicly identified in the motion by which the just concluded

closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by Fairfax Water in closed session. This motion was approved, with the following Members voting in the affirmative by roll-call vote: Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton. Ms. Ginyard-Jones was absent from the meeting and did not participate in the Closed Session.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Mr. Griffin reported to the Board on the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. Staff from Raftelis provided an overview of the findings of the recently completed evaluation of the Fairfax Water Meter Management Program. The Committee voted to make recommendations to the full Board based on the information presented.

Motion Regarding Meter Management Program

Mr. Griffin moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that the Board direct staff to: 1) conduct a comprehensive study on the cost, benefit and feasibility of expanding Automated Meter Reading (AMR) and/or transitioning to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) instead of maintaining manual read meters, 2) to evaluate the operational feasibility of AMI by conducting an AMI pilot in areas currently served by AMR, 3) that the Board authorize two additional Service Technician positions to address the backlog of the meter management program (MMP), and 4) in the interim, expand the use of AMR in the MMP. The motion passed unanimously.

Matters by Members

- Mr. Begovich inquired about the delivery date of the electric vehicles approved by the Board last year and requested information about the maintenance plan for the vehicles. Ms. Goldberg provided a brief update on the matter.
- Ms. Colleton emphasized the importance of the Polluters Pay, Government Relations, and Water Quality and Supply Committees working together towards shared goals. Ms. Colleton also suggested that Committee Members meet with elected officials to express Fairfax Water's concern over the potential costs associated with complying with the new PFAS regulations recently announced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Notified the Board that two research proposals were brought forward following the workshop held by UOSA to explore the Ozone Biofiltration project. Ms. Hedges stated she will update the Board on the progress of the proposals as information becomes available.
- Informed the Board that staff received a letter from the UOSA Executive Director in response to Ms. Hedges' April 16, 2024, letter on the Ozone Biofiltration project, a copy of which was provided to each Member at their seat. Ms. Hedges also informed the Board that staff plans to meet with the new UOSA Executive Director after they start in the role later this month.
- Advised the Board that staff from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) contacted staff to request a meeting to discuss the impact of data centers on water usage and the Occoquan water supply.

- Notified the Board that Ms. Miller provided a briefing on the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and information about the Service Line Inventory and Customer Self-Reporting Application to staff of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' offices and the City of Fairfax.
- Informed the Board that Ms. Miller will soon begin conducting targeted outreach efforts to inform several large neighborhoods about the LCRR and the Service Line Inventory Customer Self-Reporting Application.
- Advised the Board that test pit work began this week related to the predictive modeling being done to identify unknown service line materials in the LCRR Service Line Inventory.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for three projects totaling \$209,400. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board packet for this Meeting.

Filter Media Rehabilitation Service

The Board awarded a contract to Carbon Activated Corporation for an estimated amount of \$194,196 to rehabilitate two filters in 2024. The Board previously appropriated funds for this work. The Board also authorized staff to renew this contract annually to complete the remaining four filter rehabilitations so long as prices remain fair, reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions. Annual expenditures may be more or less subject to actual requirements.

Approval of Proposed Transmission Main Relocation

The Board approved the relocation of approximately 290 linear feet of 20-inch water main with new 24-inch water main along Haycock Road at the proposed Converge Development Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary