

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 21, 2022

At 6:56 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, a Meeting of the Fairfax Water Board was held at the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

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

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

Staff: Atapoor, Barr, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Hoke, T. Jones, Kingsbury, Legg, S. Miller, Oates, Prelewicz, Robey

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others: Carlos Batista, A&M Concrete

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 July 7, 2022, Meeting.

Human Resources Committee Report

Mr. Dotson reported that the Committee met in closed session to discuss the performance of the General Manager and Deputy General Manager.

Motion Following the Human Resources Committee Report

Upon Motion by Mr. Dotson, seconded by Mr. Day, the Board approved the committee's recommendation for the General Manager's and Deputy General Manager's compensation as discussed in the closed session.

Matters by Members

Mr. Allin noted that Ms. Colleton is not in attendance for tonight's meeting. He reminded Members of the Policy for participation in meetings by electronic communications and noted that the Policy and procedure are available in Diligent.

Mr. Allin wished Mr. Roberson a happy birthday.

Mr. Griffin, Ms. Hedges, and Ms. Colleton met with Delegate Bulova on Monday, July 18, to discuss ways to better connect with members of the General Assembly. He recommended outreach to the environmental committees and a virtual meeting with those committee members in the fall. Staff will work with the legislative liaison to set up those meetings.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- 2022 Water Resource Development Act Bill updates: Staff participated in a call with Sen. Kaine's staff who indicated that they would express support for adding language in the bill to authorize a study for the supplemental Potomac supply.
 - The proposed language for the Washington Aqueduct to borrow funds for capital improvements did not make it into the bill. Staff is working with regional partners to identify the reason for this and to strategize for the next WRDA bill cycle.
- Water Supply Outlook: Staff provided copies of the latest Water Supply Outlook published by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. There is an above-normal probability of releases from the upstream Potomac reservoirs for the summer and fall seasons. The 12-month cumulative basin precipitation is 3.5 inches below normal. However, streamflow and groundwater levels are about normal. Upstream Potomac reservoirs are full, and the Occoquan reservoir is spilling over, but there is indication of drought conditions in the Potomac basin in West Virginia and Virginia.
- Revenue and Expense Report Updates: Staff provided copies of the report through the end of June. Year-to-date revenues are \$2.3 million below budget, and expenses are \$1.5 million below budget, compared to trends over the preceding five years. System delivery is 2.5% lower relative to 2021, while wholesale customer usage is 1.7% higher. Total customer arrearages have increased slightly since early May.
- Retirement Plan Annual Reports: A graph of the Plan's actual funded status relative to projections was provided to Members. Since implementing the plan to achieve fully funded status in 2007, the Plan's funding status has increased from 59.3% to 86.4% as of January 1, 2022. Highlights of Plan activity for the year are included in the annual memorandum provided to Members.
 - Volatility is expected to continue in the stock market
 - A total of 22 staff retired last year
 - The Plan is projected to be at a fully funded status five years earlier than planned

Copies of the retirement plan actuarial report, audit, and annual memo are located in Diligent for reference

- Copies were provided of a letter received by the Chairman and General Manager from the Heritage Hunt Homeowners Association referencing a resolution expected to be introduced by Prince William County Supervisor Lawson requesting a study of the impact of the proposed land use changes on water quality in the Occoquan.
- Reviewed the Drinking Water Summit 2022 elected official event proposal:
 - Mr. Allin recommended Tuesday, September 27, as the preferred date since it is Fairfax Water's 65th anniversary, with the second option of Thursday, September 29.
 - The event would include breakfast, networking, some brief presentations, and an optional tour of the Griffith plant.
 - Members reviewed the proposed attendee list.
 - Members discussed asking Dr. Stanley Grant of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory to be one of the speakers.

Staff will review calendars for local elected official meetings and provide confirmation of the selected date to Members.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for three projects totaling \$58,000. A detailed description of each project appropriation is included in the papers of this Meeting.

Neptune Radio Frequency Meters

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,300,000 to Project 0648D, Division 001, and awarded a one-year sole-source contract for Neptune radio frequency (RF) water meters and devices to Core and Main in the estimated amount of \$1,300,000. Further, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract annually for up to four additional one-year periods so long as pricing remains fair, reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Water Main Installation and Service Contract (WMISC)

The Board awarded the WMISC to A&M Concrete Corporation in the estimated amount of \$21,945,362.50 for the period of October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. Further, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Poplar Heights Tank Design Task Order Award

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$640,000 to Project 2729, Division 1, and authorized the General Manager to execute a design services task order with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in the amount of \$545,647.

Dulles Toll Road Crossing

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$5,705,000 to Project 2617, Division 2, and awarded a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sagres Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$5,174,051.

Central Maintenance Facility Solar Panels

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$33,000 to Project 2608, Division 02 – Central Maintenance Facility, and authorized the General Manager to amend the contract with RRMM Architects, P.C. in the amount of \$28,151 for the design of a solar panel system.

Child and Adult Care Subsidy Program

The Board adopted the proposed revisions to the Child and Adult Care Reimbursement Program.

Authorization to Advertise Rates

The Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed rate changes and set the date of December 15, 2022, for the public hearing thereon.

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) 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 claims related to Fairfax Water's role in Fairfax County's review and approval of a final site plan; 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 procurement policy and process.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rubin certifying, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, 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 identified in the motion by which the just-concluded closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered by the Authority in closed session. This motion was approved, with the following Members voting in the affirmative by roll-call vote: Mrs. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, and Mr. Griffin.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary