

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 22, 2022

At 6:57 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 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, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin, Cammarata (absent), Ginyard-Jones (absent)

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger, (Jaatinen absent)

Staff: Atapoor, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Hoke, T. Jones, Kingsbury, S. Miller, Oates, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others:

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

Opening Remarks

Chairman Allin called for a moment of silence in remembrance of former General Manager Steven Edgemon who passed on September 16, 2022.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the September 8, 2022, Meeting with a correction.

Finance and Audit Committee Report

The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the Investment Performance Report presented by PFM Consulting for the period ending June 30, 2022. Staff also gave the budget update for fiscal year 2022.

Matters by Members

Mr. Roberson attended the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) Board Meeting with a member who runs the program in Jackson, Mississippi and discussed the recent water treatment issues at of both of their plants.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Staff has had a difficult week following the news of Mr. Steve Edgemon's passing. It has been a great loss not only to staff but his colleagues throughout the state that worked closely with Mr. Edgemon. Staff has been in touch with agencies and other outside organizations to pass on

information regarding Mr. Edgemon's memorial arrangements. Staff has been receiving an outpouring of remembrances on what a great mentor Mr. Edgemon was to many people outside of the organization.

- Staff is also mourning the sudden loss of a current employee Jerry (JR) Kirk, who has been with Fairfax Water for over 20 years.
- Next Monday, September 26 is Fairfax Water's 65th Anniversary. Staff will receive 65th-anniversary water bottles and cake will be delivered to all locations to celebrate.
- Fairfax Water's Drinking Water Summit will be next Thursday, September 29. There is a final attendee count of 80. Staff reviewed the final agenda the Summit.
- Staff participated at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWWCOG) Board of Directors meeting on September 14 and presented on the Potomac supplemental supply study that was proposed in the 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill.
 - Fairfax County Supervisor Penny Gross made supportive remarks about the need to educate elected officials and constituents about water supply issues.
 - Other MWWCOG Board Members expressed their appreciation to the utilities' forward thinking.
 - The MWWCOG Board passed a resolution to support the WRDA bill and future appropriations.
 - Staff discussed the potential to have Virginia recognize the MWWCOG Drought Response Plan.
- Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) update:
 - The Virginia Department of Social Services has contracted with Promise Network, Inc. ("Promise") to administer these funds.
 - In order for its customers to be eligible to receive these funds, Fairfax Water will have to enter into a contract with Promise.
 - Staff will be attending informational meetings on the topic.
- Low Flow Allocation Agreement (LFAA) Work group update:
 - Virginia is represented by Department of Environmental Quality staff who are advocating to change the Potomac flow-by requirement.
 - Staff will provide an update to the Board on work group activities at a later meeting
- Cross Connection and Backflow prevention program:
 - This is a long-standing program, portions of which are administered by Fairfax County on Fairfax Water's behalf, in order to comply with Virginia Department of Health Waterworks Regulations. Fairfax County has similar regulatory compliance requirements from building codes.
 - Due to unexpected issues with the County's systems, some residents did not receive their first notification letters and were only made aware of the issue after Fairfax Water staff sent the letters advising that water service may be shut off if backflow device inspections were not completed.
 - Staff will continue to work with County staff on the issue to improve the notification process and education of residential customers who have backflow devices.
 - A hand out on the requirement for backflow prevention devices on lawn irrigation systems was provided to Members.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for two projects totaling \$520,600. A detailed description of each project appropriation is included in the papers of this Meeting.

Water Main Relocations Phase 1

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$615,000 to Project 2706, Division 1 and authorized the General Manager to execute a design services task order with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$532,100.

Prince William County Transmission Improvements Division 2

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$23,120,000 to Project 2377, Division 2 - Occoquan River Crossing Construction and awarded a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Garney Companies, Inc., in the amount of \$20,557,300. Additionally, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with Hazen and Sawyer in the amount of \$820,388 for construction phase services.

Occoquan High Dam and Reservoir Diving Service Contract Award

The Board awarded a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Coastal Engineering, in the amount of \$79,800 to perform the base work and optional work. Additionally, the Board appropriated \$70,000 to P0577-115 for material, contract services, and staff time to facilitate repair of Occoquan Reservoir High Dam Tower #2 sluice gate.

Purchase of Cast Valve Boxes and Meter Box Lids

The Board awarded one-year contracts to the four lowest responsive and responsible bidders, L/B Water Service, Inc., Ferguson Waterworks, Core & Main LP and Hajoca Corp. in the total estimated amount of \$250,000. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Further, authorized staff to renew this contract annually for up to four additional one-year periods so long as prices remain fair, reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary