

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 20, 2023

At 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, 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, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

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

Staff: Aranda, Atapoor, Bellezza, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

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 6, 2023, Meeting.

Report of Human Resources Committee Meeting

Mr. Dotson made a motion to approve the proposed compensation for the General Manager and Deputy General Manager, as discussed in the Committee's closed session, to be effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allin and it was approved unanimously.

Report of Water Quality and Supply Meeting

Mr. Roberson spoke about the grant applications and proposed approval of Option 3 as discussed in the Committee meeting. Mr. Begovich seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Roberson made a motion to increase the budget for the grant program by \$10,000 from \$70,000 this year to \$80,000 next year. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Matters by Members

Mr. Allin spoke about a meeting earlier that afternoon with GreenVision Systems, a water quality security company, regarding their interest in a potential pilot demonstration project with Fairfax Water. Members stated they would like to learn more before participating in a pilot demonstration project.

Mr. Cammarata inquired about the status of implementing recommendations from the information systems audit report. Ms. Hedges noted the recommendations were implemented and reported to the Board at its July 6 meeting.

Mr. Cammarata asked about the costs associated with the litigation of the recent small claims action. Mr. McGranahan stated that a review of activity through June, indicated the amount billed was about \$6,700.

Mr. Cammarata requested an update from his fellow Board Members with regard to setting up a meeting with Chairman McKay regarding the cross-connection control program. Mr. Griffin responded that a meeting had been set up with Chairman McKay's staff member, Barbara Byron.

Ms. Colleton inquired if another drinking water summit would be held this year. Mr. Rubin suggested having drinking water summits on an annual basis, to which Ms. Hedges recommended waiting until the spring due to elections this fall. Mr. Griffin also suggested that staff reach out to newly elected officials in early 2024 to invite them to a tour of Fairfax Water and to learn more about the utility.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Recent actuarial analysis indicates the Fairfax Water Retirement Plan was 87.7% funded as of the end of 2022. The Plan funding status exceeds the national average of similar governmental plans and is expected to achieve fully funded status ahead of projections based on the Board's adopted funding plan from 2007.
- The Murray Maintenance Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on October 5, 2023, at 10 a.m., followed by the Board meeting at 1 p.m. The employee/retiree open house will be held October 14, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Revenues through June are in line with expectations.
- Ms. Hedges discussed Virginia's distribution of low-income housing water assistance program (LIHWAP) funds. About 500 Fairfax Water customers have received LIHWAP funds. The state is expected to receive additional funds, however, the timing and amount is unknown. State contractors continue to process applications from customers and approve them without awarding funds. Fairfax Water has about 20 customers whose applications have been approved by the State contractor but are awaiting funds; shut-offs for non-payment for those customers have been suspended.
- A handout from The Water Coalition Against PFAS was mentioned for review at the convenience of the Board.
- A press release from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) regarding the suspension of EPA's Cyber Security Rule pending litigation.
- The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report was distributed to Members for review at their convenience.
- A public information meeting regarding the Poplar Heights storage tank project was held on July 13, 2023. Residents of that community attended to learn more about the project and voice their thoughts. Staff will follow up with residents to address their concerns as well as Supervisor Palchik's office to discuss follow-up public meetings in advance of filing the special exception application in August.
- The Occoquan Modeling Subcommittee recently met to develop a plan in concert with Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) staff in response to requests from Prince William County and others to update the Occoquan modeling to reflect current comprehensive plans in the watershed. The effort is expected to cost \$176,000. Fairfax Water's share of the costs would be around \$30,000.
- Letters from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) regarding PFAS were provided to Members.

- Staff will be participating in a virtual town hall meeting with AMWA on July 25, 2023, regarding PFAS litigation.
- Staff will be attending a special meeting of the Occoquan Monitoring Subcommittee on August 4, 2023, to discuss PFAS.
- Staff is anticipating a discussion on PFAS in drinking water at the State Water Commission meeting of August 8, 2023.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for four projects totaling \$584,500. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this Meeting.

Authorization to Advertise Proposed Rates

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed rate changes and set the date of December 14, 2023, for the public hearing thereon.

City of Fairfax Sewer Billing Agreement

The Board approved the execution of the sewer billing agreement with the City of Fairfax.

Corbalis Finished Water Pump Station Air Handler

The Board awarded a one-month contract to Boland Trane Services for the purchase of a single Trane (HVAC) Air Handler Replacement at the Corbalis Treatment Plant in the amount of \$143,100.

Corbalis Raw Water Pump Station Electrical and HVAC Improvements

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$175,000 to Project P0577, Division 072, and authorized the General Manager to execute a Task Order with CDM Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$143,715 to prepare a preliminary engineering report for electrical and HVAC improvements at the Corbalis Treatment Plant Raw Water Pumping Station.

Safety Shoe Contract Award

The Board awarded a 33-month contract to Red Wing Brands of America, Inc. for the purchase of safety shoes for eligible Fairfax Water employees in the estimated amount of \$150,000. Expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Additionally, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract for each 1-year renewal option in the estimated annual amount of \$50,000, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Route 29 Widening Phase II Water Main Relocations

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute an Agreement for the Adjustment of Utility Facilities with Shirley Contracting Company for the relocation of water mains impacted by VDOT's Route 29 Phase II Widening project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary