

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 2, 2023

At 8:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023, 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, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin (Cammarata absent)

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

Staff: Atapoor, Bolton, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Kingsbury, S. Miller, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Robey, Siminari, C. Taylor

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 January 5, 2023, Meeting.

Government Relations Committee Meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the November 17, 2022, Meeting. Preston Bryant from McGuire Woods Consulting gave a presentation on the 2023 General Assembly session and an update on Fairfax Water's legislative initiative. Committee Members also discussed a brief description of responsibilities of the Government Relations Committee which will be submitted to the Bylaws Committee.

Water Quality & Supply Committee Meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the June 16, 2022, Meeting. Northern Virginia Regional Commission's Occoquan Program Manager, Norm Goulet and Director, Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory, Virginia Tech, Dr. Stanley Grant gave presentations on the Occoquan Model. Additionally, the Committee reviewed a request for an exception to the Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy by the River Road Maintenance Association, Inc. The Committee recommended to the full Board the exception be approved with certain modifications to the Master License and Covenant Agreement and Addendum 1 to address the Association's responsibilities for maintenance.

Matters by Members

Mr. Roberson noted that in his professional capacity, he recently attended a kickoff event at the White House for a Lead Service Line Replacement Program partnership with 130 organizations, cities, states, and nonprofits. DC Water, Virginia American Water, and WSSC Water were also in attendance. Mr. Roberson acknowledged Mr. Kingsbury and his team for their work thus far on the Revised Lead and Copper Rule.

Chairman Allin reminded the Committee Chairs to submit their committee descriptions to Mr. Day, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, for review.

Chairman Allin noted that Mr. Cammarata is not in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- The selection of Elizabeth Dooley as Procurement Manager. The current Manager, Donnie Legg, will be retiring in March 2023. Ms. Dooley has been with Fairfax Water for six years as the Procurement Program Lead Buyer. Prior to joining Fairfax Water, Ms. Dooley held various procurement roles at the City of Norfolk, Arlington County, and Nashville, Tennessee. Ms. Dooley has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and is a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) and Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB). She currently serves on the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC) Board of Directors and completed her role as President of the Virginia Association of Government Purchasing (VAGP) in 2022.
- Customers continue to receive funds through the Commonwealth's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Staff continues to work with the Commonwealth's contractor to process applications. To date, customers have received funds totaling roughly \$100,000, equally split between their water and wastewater bills. Staff received an update from the state's contractor that they have nearly passed the halfway point awarding available funds. In total, Promise has distributed about eight million dollars and anticipates having program funds available through the Spring.
- Staff is proposing to have the annual employees' award luncheon on May 18 at the Griffith Treatment Plant. The Board Meeting will be held directly following the luncheon replacing the evening meeting.
- At a prior meeting, Mr. Dotson recommended to have an employee picnic this year. Staff has since discussed this with the Chairman and proposes to host an event for employees and retirees at the new Central Maintenance Facility in the Fall. A specific date has not been selected yet but it will most likely be in the September timeframe. There will also be a separate, formal dedication or open house for local elected officials, wholesale customers, and other guests, date to be determined.
- Gregory Prelewicz and Susie Miller recently did a presentation on PFAS at the Potomac Watershed Roundtable. The Roundtable is comprised of local elected officials, utility staff, individuals from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and others who meet quarterly to talk about issues related to the watershed. Supervisor Gross is the Chairman of the Roundtable. She will be retiring at the end of this year after 27 years as a Fairfax County Supervisor. She has been an advocate for many Fairfax Water issues over the years and will be greatly missed.
- Susie Miller, Nicki Bellezza, and Erica Fox recently participated in a Fairfax County Public Schools in-service day for science teachers. Staff spoke about a variety of issues, including services provided by Fairfax Water, the lab's Student Project Program, and the Stakeholder Outreach Grant Program.
- Fairfax Water uses potassium permanganate as a pre-oxidant in its water treatment process at both plants. There is one company in the country that manufactures this chemical. The manufacturing facility had a fire a couple of weeks ago and will be unable to produce this chemical for an undetermined period of time. There is currently a 90-day supply at the Griffith facility. Staff has been in contact with other companies to identify alternative suppliers. Pre-chlorine can be used as an alternative but may increase the formation of disinfection by-products. Staff has apprised Virginia Department of Health (VDH) of the situation, which is not unique as many water treatment plants in the Commonwealth use potassium permanganate.

- The Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Subcommittee meets annually. They are an advisory group to the State Water Control Board established under the Occoquan Policy to ensure policy goals are being met. Staff attended the annual meeting a few weeks ago. Presentations were made by Fairfax Water, Upper Occoquan Service Authority (UOSA), Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. UOSA has made a treatment change to operate their carbon filters in a biological mode. This was started as a cost-saving measure. Staff will speak with UOSA in the coming weeks to better understand the impact on PFAS levels in UOSA effluent. UOSA is also planning for an expansion to 60 million gallons per day. Tom Faha with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), who has been instrumental in the implementation of the Occoquan Policy, will be retiring in May after 35 years of service.
- The Low Flow Allocation Agreement (LFAA) workgroup has been on pause for a couple of months. Staff continues to work with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on language related to future flow by studies but has now pivoted to working with other utilities on potential language revision. Staff will bring updates to the Board at future meetings.
- Last Fall, staff advised the Board about some issues with the county's notification system for the Cross Connection Control Program (CCCP). Fairfax Water contracts with Fairfax County to help perform the administration of this program. Due to issues with the County's system for managing this program, some notices were sent in error to residential customers. Some members of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) received complaints from customers. Staff's understanding was that the number of complaints was small, on the order of a dozen. As a result of the complaints, Staff was previously asked to present on the CCCP to the Environmental Committee of the BOS. That presentation was supplanted by individual presentations to Supervisors Gross and Storck last year. Last week, Staff participated in a presentation on the CCCP to Chairman McKay, who expressed concerns with the County's role in administering the program. Mr. Begovich shared that Chairman McKay recently expressed similar concerns to him. Staff will continue to work with County staff to understand the direction the County plans to take with respect to the agreement for administrative services for the CCCP. In parallel, staff will identify the impacts to and resource requirements for Fairfax Water to comply with the CCCP component of the VDH Waterworks Regulations if the County ceases to perform some or all aspects of the program administration. John McGranahan will also stay in contact with the County attorney regarding the status of the agreement. Staff will update the Board at a future meeting.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for six projects totaling \$6,659,471. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this meeting.

Vehicles and Heavy Equipment

The Board appropriated \$262,000 to Project 3653, Division 2 and awarded a contract to John Deere for a backhoe utilizing Sourcewell contract #032119.

Banking Resolutions

The Board adopted resolutions appointing certain banking institutions as Depositories of Fairfax Water. A copy of the resolutions is included in these minutes.

Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy Exceptions

The Board approved the Exception to the Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy with the Water Quality and Supply Committee's recommendation that Staff, in consultation with General Counsel, include a provision that the dry hydrant must be maintained in accordance with best management practices. A copy of the agreement is included with the papers from this meeting.

Closed Session

Mr. Begovich moved, with a second by Mr. Dotson, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically relating to real property interests required for the replacement of the Seven Corners and Willston storage tanks; 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 real property interests required for the replacement of the Seven Corners and Willston storage tanks.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Begovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rubin, 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: Ms. Ginyard-Jones, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary