

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
January 5, 2023

At 6:52 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 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, Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

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

Staff: Arcese, Atapoor, Cotten, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, Huff, T. Jones, Kingsbury, Legg, S. Miller, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, C. Taylor, Robey, Siminari, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Preston Bryant, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC

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 December 15, 2022, Meeting.

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Mr. Begovich reported on the subjects covered in the Infrastructure Committee Meeting earlier in the evening. The Committee discussed the Transmission System Sustainability Program and the possible installation of solar panels at the new Central Maintenance Facility. Mr. Begovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rubin, that the Board defer a decision on the use of solar power at the Central Maintenance Facility, evaluate the upcoming Fairfax County solar installation at the Sully Community Center, and reconsider solar for Central at a future Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Matters by Members

Mr. Day had a discussion with former Fairfax Water General Manager, Charlie Crowder who sends his best wishes to Fairfax Water for the New Year.

Matters by Staff

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Distribution crews repaired 92 water main breaks from Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve. On one day alone they repaired 23 breaks, the fourth highest number of repairs on record for a single day. In addition, Customer Service field staff responded to 244 emergency calls over the Christmas weekend, of which 17 were frozen meters. Ms. Hedges expressed her great appreciation to Fairfax Water's field crews and their dedication to our customers.
- Fairfax Water participates in the C-Power Program, and during the recent cold snap, we were called upon to run generators at the Fox Mill and Tysons Pump Stations for 12 hours to help offload demand from the power grid.
- Customers continue to apply to the Commonwealth's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Staff continues to work with the Commonwealth's contractor to process applications. To date, 152 customers have received funds totaling roughly \$52,000 for water and wastewater bills. Staff continues outreach efforts and coordination with the County and Cities to make customers aware of LIHWAP.
- Reminded the Members that Statements of Economic Interest are due to Fairfax County by February 1. Please contact Tonya Clement if you need assistance.
- Advertising for the 2023 Stakeholder Outreach Grant program will begin soon. Applications will be due to Fairfax Water in May. Staff will bring applications to the Water Quality and Supply Committee in June or July for consideration.
- The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 has been signed into law by President Biden. There are two provisions in WRDA that apply to Fairfax Water. WRDA 2022 authorizes a study of a supplemental Potomac supply, though it does not fund the study. Staff will be working with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) and the region's water utilities to seek funding for the study. WRDA 2022 also provides for the Washington Aqueduct to borrow up to \$40 million per year, subject to agreements with its wholesale customers, to fund capital improvement projects.
- A Water Quality and Supply Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 2. Staff from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory will be presenting on the Occoquan Model.
- The George Mason University Civil Engineer Institute (CEI) awards luncheon has been rescheduled to March 21. Members should let Tonya Clement know if they are interested in attending.
- Staff continues to discuss Fairfax Water's concerns with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Rolband regarding proposed revisions to the Low Flow Allocation Agreement related to the Potomac River flowby and efforts to conduct a new flowby study. Greg Emanuel from Arlington County participated in the most recent discussion, as well as DEQ's new Director of the Water Supply Group, Scott Morris. A

meeting is scheduled for next week with the Baltimore District Army Corps of Engineers, Fairfax Water, WSCC, DC Water, Arlington, and the Washington Aqueduct to express the utilities' concerns to the Baltimore District

- Reviewed the General Manager's 2023 Priorities and noted cards provided to Members.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for five projects totaling \$2,182,238. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this meeting.

Transmission System Sustainability Program

The Board appropriated \$125,000 to Project 3300, Division 1 and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with CDM Smith in the amount of \$104,830 for the initial phase of the Transmission System Sustainability Program.

Transfer of Funds

The Board authorized the transfer of \$103 million from funds held for the credit of the General Fund to the credit of the Improvement Fund. The Board further authorized the General Manager to transfer this amount in installments as needed throughout the year in order to take full advantage of the investment earnings provisions of the General Trust Indenture. This provision allows earnings in the General Fund to be transferred to the Revenue Fund and to be used in the calculation of coverage.

Grainger Contract Award

The Board awarded a three-year ten-month contract to W.W. Grainger, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 091422-WWG for the purchase of industrial tools, supplies, and equipment in the estimated annual amount of \$200,000. 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 \$200,000, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable, and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Graybar Contract Award

The Board awarded a two-year contract to Graybar Electric Company, Inc. utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract No. EV2370 for the purchase of electrical, lighting, data communications and related products, security products, and other electrical related supplies and services in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000. Expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Additionally, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract for each 2-year renewal option in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Purchase of Brass Service Materials

The Board awarded one-year contracts for brass service materials to Core & Main, LP, L/B Water Service, Inc., Ferguson Enterprises, LLC and Fortiline, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$831,842. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Additionally, the Board authorized staff to renew the contracts annually for up to four additional one-year periods so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Gum Springs No. 2 Tank

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$2,222,000 to Project 631A, Division 33, and awarded a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, George Kountoupes Painting Company, in the amount of \$1,583,100 for rehabilitation of and improvements to the Gum Springs No.2 storage tank. The Board further authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with Tank Industry Consultants in the amount of \$341,000 for construction phase services.

Route 1 Water Main Relocation

The Board appropriated \$705,000 to Project 2727, Division 1 and authorized the General Manager to execute a design services task order with Michael Baker International in the amount of \$610,300.

Discussion Item

Preston Bryant gave a presentation on Fairfax Water's legislative initiative and an update on the upcoming Virginia General Assembly session.

Adjournment

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



Richard Dotson, Secretary