

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**January 9, 2025**

At 7:23 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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 (absent), Cammarata, Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

**Wholesale Customer Representatives:** Bahceci

**Staff:** Brown, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Long, Love, S. Miller, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz

**Counsel:** John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Kyle McGee, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (attended Closed Session only)

**Others:** Adi Prasad, AMPCUS, inc.

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

**Report of the Polluters Pay Committee**

Mr. Cammarata reported on the Polluters Pay Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2025. The Committee heard a presentation by Mr. Prelewicz on the work being done to identify probable sources of PFAS contamination. Mr. Cammarata noted that Fairfax Water is pursuing legislative solutions, litigation, and opening a dialogue with entities they believe may be causing PFAS pollution to protect ratepayers from covering the costs associated with PFAS remediation.

**Report of the Infrastructure Committee**

On behalf of Mr. Begovich, Mr. Dotson reported on the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee discussed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and staff's recommended AMI pilot and feasibility studies, a potential surplus designation for the Chantilly Maintenance Facility, and the development conditions for a trail around the Griffith Water Treatment Plant imposed by the Special Exception from Fairfax County. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the AMI pilot study on the agenda.

**Report of the Water Quality and Supply Committee**

Mr. Roberson reported on the Water Quality and Supply Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Committee heard two informational presentations from Mr. Prelewicz outlining actions recently taken by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. The Committee also reviewed an Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy Exception request and recommended the item for approval by the full Board.

## **Matters by Members**

- Ms. Ginyard-Jones reminded the Board that a Meeting of the Board Retreat Planning Committee is scheduled for January 23, 2025, and asked that Members send any topics they would like to discuss for potential inclusion on the Board Retreat agenda to staff as soon as possible.
- Mr. Griffin highlighted recent water-related events in Los Angeles, California and Richmond, Virginia and thanked staff for their continued work to provide water to Fairfax Water customers.
- Ms. Colleton informed the Board about a recent write-up in the Hunter Mill community newsletter by Supervisor Alcorn, raising the importance of working to reduce water rates for the Town of Vienna customers, and asked that the Board bring it forth for discussion at a future Meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the corrected minutes of the December 12, 2024, Meeting.

## **Appropriations**

The Board unanimously approved an increase in appropriations for eleven projects totaling \$5,746,014. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included with the Board Packet for this Meeting.

## **Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy Exception Request**

The Board approved an Exception to the Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy at 4471 Occoquan Overlook to expand the existing dock structure to a maximum of 376 square feet, contingent on the execution of an amended license and covenant agreement.

## **Purchase of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Pilot, Hardware and Software**

The Board awarded a one-year sole source contract to Core & Main for existing and expanded technology services for AMR and the AMI Pilot in the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church in the estimated amount of \$230,385. Further, the Board authorized staff to appropriate funds in the amount of \$224,000 to Project 2782, Division 1, for the AMI Pilot Study. Finally, the Board authorized staff to renew the contract for one additional year so long as prices remain consistent with contractual terms and conditions. Annual expenditures and quantities may be more or less, subject to the actual number of AMR versus AMI meter readings.

## **Authorization to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Improvement Fund**

The Board authorized the transfer of \$67 million from funds held for the credit of the General Fund to the credit of the Improvement Fund. The Board also authorized the General Manager to transfer this amount in installments as needed throughout the year 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.

## **Closed Session**

Mr. Dotson moved, with a second by Mr. Day, 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 PFAS-related litigation including the pending multi-district federal litigation 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 Potential Recovery of PFAS-related Costs.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Dotson moved, 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: Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Dotson, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton. Ms. Ginyard-Jones did not participate in the Closed Session and therefore abstained from voting on the motion to certify the Closed Session.

## **Remarks by Mr. Cammarata**

Mr. Cammarata addressed the Board on its action not to defer decision on the two PFAS-related items on the December 12, 2024, Meeting agenda that he had requested be deferred due to his absence from that Meeting.

## **Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Reminded the Board that updated Statement of Economic Interest forms will be due to the Fairfax County Clerk's Office by February 3, 2025, and noted the penalty for a late filing. Additionally, template forms were provided to each Member at their seat.
- Highlighted the replacement Quick Reference contact card provided to each Member at their seat.
- Informed the Board that the Occoquan Reservoir PFAS Reduction Program Bill has been filed for consideration by the Virginia General Assembly and assigned House bill number 2050. A copy of the bill was provided to each Member at their seat. Ms. Hedges also noted the following related to the Virginia General Assembly:
  - The General Assembly session formally began earlier in the week but was paused due to ongoing water issues in Richmond, Virginia.
  - There is a Government Relations Committee Meeting scheduled for January 23, 2025. The Committee will receive session updates from Mr. Preston Bryant, who will be attending remotely.
  - House Bill 2407 was filed, presumably in response to the Richmond water situation. The bill would impose unprecedented reporting requirements on water utilities. Staff

plans to work with Mr. Bryant and through industry associations to modify the bill to include more practical requirements.

- Informed the Board that staff has responded to inquiries from the press and local governmental partners about the Fairfax Water system in light of the Richmond water situation and noted that Board Members may receive inquiries from their Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Member.
- Informed the Board that Fairfax Water's PFAS Communications Strategy consultant will be presenting to the Board at the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting. An article covering PFAS communications was provided to each Member at their seat.
- Highlighted the article provided to each Member at their seat covering the recently announced Micron expansion and related state funding.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



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Richard Dotson, Secretary