

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 21, 2023

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 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 (absent), Cammarata (remote), Colleton, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones (absent), Griffin, Roberson, Rubin (absent)

Wholesale Customer Representatives: Danziger

Staff: Aranda, Atapoor, Bolton, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, T. Jones, Kingsbury, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others: Doug Calvert and Scott Fleming, PFM Asset Management LLC; Anthony Moreno, Customer; Miryea Soria-Galvarro, Customer

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

Approval of Member Participation by Means of Electronic Communications

Upon Motion by Mr. Dotson, seconded by Griffin, the Board moved that Mr. Cammarata's request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved his request pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Mr. Cammarata participated by means of electronic communications from Virginia Beach, Virginia, while on vacation.

Chairman Allin noted for the record that six Board Members were physically present, and there was a quorum for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the September 7, 2023, Meeting with the correction of a spelling edit as discussed.

Report of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Chairman Allin noted the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for earlier in the evening was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum of Committee Members.

Matters by Members

Mr. Cammarata updated the Board on a draft letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed compensation increase for Fairfax Water Board Members. The Members discussed the draft letter. Mr. Cammarata motioned that the Chairman edit the final version of letter at his discretion

and that it be sent to each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The vote result was five yea, zero nay, with Mr. Roberson and Mr. Griffin abstaining.

Mr. Day motioned for approval of a draft resolution by the Fairfax Water Board in recognition of Mason District Supervisor Penelope “Penny” A. Gross. Mr. Roberson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Matters by Staff

Presentations originally scheduled for the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting were made to the Board:

- Mr. Calvert and Mr. Fleming, representatives of PFM Asset Management LLC, presented on the second quarter 2023 investment performance review.
- Ms. Oates presented on the 2023 mid-year budget review.

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Several members of staff attended the Virginia American Water Works Association (VA AWWA) annual conference last week. Staff participated in a panel on technology and presented papers on electrical asset management and construction of the University Tank replacement.
- Fairfax Water received the Virginia AWWA Award of Excellence for Public Information/Communication Practices in the category of Issues and Crisis Management. Ms. Hedges and the Members recognized the efforts of Ms. Miller and Public Affairs staff for their accomplishments in PFAS education and outreach for which the award was given.
- The Water Quality Laboratory passed the Commonwealth of Virginia’s on-site audit and proficiency test. The Lab certification was obtained with high marks and described as “top-notch” by state evaluators. Ms. Hedges and the Members recognized Ms. Bolton and Laboratory staff for their achievement of these credentials.
- Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) Executive Director Mike Nardolilli recently presented to the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council on water supply issues, in particular the Potomac Supplemental Supply study effort.
- Fairfax Water hosted the 2023 ICPRB Potomac River Conference at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant. The conference topic was “One River’s Perspective on a Changing Climate.”
- The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Charles M. Murray Maintenance Facility will take place on October 5, 2023, at 10 a.m. Members are requested to arrive by 9:45 a.m. Parking will be available at the Facility. Committee meetings are scheduled to start at noon that day and the Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for Members.
- The Health and Wellness Fair for Fairfax Water employees will take place on October 12. Flu shot clinics for employees have also been scheduled at all sites in October. Handouts on these events were distributed to Members, who are invited to participate.

Customer Comments

Mr. Anthony Moreno addressed the Board regarding a service line leak at his residence and sought consideration from the Board for a courtesy leak adjustment of three quarterly bills. In May, Customer Service staff met with Mr. Moreno at his home and confirmed there was a leak on his service line. The leak has not yet been repaired.

Ms. Miryea Soria-Galvarro addressed the Board about high sewer rates on her bill. The Members advised Ms. Soria-Galvarro that Fairfax County government establishes the sewer rates and Fairfax Water

simply acts as their billing agent. Mr. Dotson offered to connect Ms. Soria-Galvarro with Providence District Supervisor Palchik's staff to discuss sewer rates further.

Appropriations

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for two projects totaling \$310,000. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this Meeting.

Purchase of Heating Oil

The Board awarded a contract to James River Solutions, utilizing Commonwealth of Virginia (COVA) contract CTR010914, to purchase heating oil for the Corbalis and Griffith Water Treatment Plants, as needed for an estimated contract value of \$90,000 per year through January 31, 2025. The Board also authorized the renewal of the contract biennially for four additional periods through January 31, 2033, in accordance with the original COVA contract, so long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

Purchase of Vehicles

The Board awarded a contract to Sheehy Ford of Richmond utilizing the Virginia Sheriffs' Association's contract 22-05-0917R, Vehicle and Motorcycle Procurement through October 8, 2023, for the purchase of four vehicles and appropriated funds in the amount of \$115,000 to Project 3653, Division 001 – Vehicles.

Rehabilitation of Fox Mill Tank Number 1

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$2,689,000 to Project 631A, Division 30, and awarded a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Suburban Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$1,953,600 for rehabilitation of the Fox Mill No.1 storage tank. The Board also authorized the General Manager to execute a task order amendment with Tank Industry Consultants in the amount of \$437,000 for construction phase services.

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)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 PFAS-related Litigation and Potential Recovery of PFAS-Related Costs.

Upon conclusion of the closed session, the open session resumed, whereby Mr. Dotson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Day, 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. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Richard Dotson, Secretary