

**FAIRFAX WATER**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**October 19, 2023**

At 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 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 (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Ginyard-Jones (remote), Griffin, Roberson, Rubin

**Wholesale Customer Representatives:** Danziger

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

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

**Others:** None

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. Begovich, seconded by Mr. Rubin, the Board moved that Ms. Ginyard-Jones' request to participate in the Board Meeting by means of electronic communication was consistent with the Board's policy, and the Board approved her request pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4). Ms. Ginyard-Jones participated by means of electronic communications from Chicago, IL, while on business travel.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the Minutes of the October 5, 2023, Meeting.

**Matters by Members**

Members said they enjoyed the employee and retiree picnic on October 14 at the new Murray Maintenance Facility.

**Matters by Staff**

Ms. Hedges addressed the following:

- Thanked Susan Miller for her efforts in planning the recent employee and retiree picnic held on October 14 to commemorate the opening of the Murray Maintenance Facility.
- Announced that George Hoke will be retiring from Fairfax Water on November 9, 2023.
- Reviewed a draft letter to customers who submitted pool adjustment forms in 2023, advising them of the elimination of the pool adjustment effective in 2024. Staff plans to send the letter to those customers in November.

- Staff participated in a second community meeting for the Poplar Heights tank replacement. Supervisor Palchik and Mr. Dotson also attended the meeting.
- There remains a higher than normal probability of needing releases from the upstream Potomac reservoirs to meet flow-by requirements at Little Falls. The October Water Supply Outlook prepared by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin was provided to Members.
- The Town Manager of Vienna requested that Fairfax Water staff present to the Town Council on PFAS at their November 13 meeting at 8:00 p.m. Members Colleton and Griffin indicated their willingness to attend the meeting as well.
- Reviewed the handout provided to Members summarizing the results from PFAS sampling conducted by Fairfax Water to date.
- Noted an article provided to Members about a report by the Department of Defense to Congress on mission-critical uses of PFAS and concerns about prohibiting its future use.
- Noted a meeting of the Water Quality and Supply Committee will be held on November 16 to discuss PFAS occurrence data in the Occoquan watershed and a proposed study.
- Reviewed the response from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to staff's comments on the Upper Occoquan Service Authority discharge permit renewal. DEQ declined to incorporate Fairfax Water's comments into the permit renewal. The General Manager spoke with the DEQ Director about the response and was advised that DEQ cannot implement requirements beyond what is required by the federal government or state code.
- The EPA cybersecurity rule has been rescinded.
- A Finance and Audit Committee Meeting will be held on November 2. The Trust Engineer will discuss their report, and staff will present the proposed 2024 annual budget for Fairfax Water.
- A Government Relations Meeting will be held on November 16 to discuss the outcome of the Virginia General Election and possible policy changes in the 2024 General Assembly Session.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Begovich 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. 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: Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Day, Mr. Begovich, Chairman Allin, Mr. Roberson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Griffin, and Ms. Colleton. Ms. Ginyard-Jones recused herself from the closed session. Mr. Dotson was not present for the closed session.

### **Gordon Road Lease**

The General Manager noted that the City of Falls Church recently returned the executed lease extension for the Gordon Road maintenance facility that was approved by the Fairfax Water Board and City Council in 2019. The City Manager has requested payment of the additional rent agreed to at that time.

The Board discussed the matter of additional rent owed the City of Falls Church and requested that staff discuss arrangements with the City Manager to pay the additional amount due over the next three years to not adversely impact the 2023 budget.

### **Appropriations**

The Board approved an increase in appropriations for three projects totaling \$91,060. A detailed description for each project appropriation is included in the papers of this Meeting.

### **The 2024 - 2033 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

The Board approved the transmittal of Fairfax Water's 2024 - 2033 Capital Improvement Program to Fairfax County.

### **Griffith Finished Water Pump Station Variable Frequency Drives and Reduced Voltage Soft Starters**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a task order amendment with Black and Veatch in the amount of \$136,400 for additional construction phase services for the installation of variable frequency drives and reduced voltage soft starters at the Griffith Water Treatment Plant finished water pumping station.

### **SCADA System Software**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the Aveva Software LLC end-user license agreement in the annual amount of \$42,943. Further, the Board authorized staff to renew the support contract for the useful life of the product platform as long as prices remain fair and reasonable and consistent with contractual terms.

### **Purchase of Gate and Butterfly Valves**

The Board awarded a one-year contract to Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$845,783 for the purchase of gate valves and awarded a contract to Sherwood-Logan & Associates, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$717,890 for the purchase of butterfly valves. Annual expenditures may be more or less, subject to actual requirements. Further, the Board authorized the renewal of these contracts annually for up to four additional one-year periods so long as prices remain fair, reasonable and consistent with contractual terms and conditions.

### **Transmission System Sustainability Program, Division 1 – Program Development**

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$200,000 to Project 3300, Division 1, and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with CDM Smith in the amount of \$150,931 for Phase 2 of the Transmission System Sustainability Program.

### **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Compliance, Division 2 – LCRR Predictive Modeling**

The Board appropriated funds in the amount of \$961,000 to Project 2747, Division 2, and authorized the General Manager to execute a task order with Arcadis in the amount of \$832,442 for test pits to support the service line inventory predictive modeling effort.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



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Richard Dotson, Secretary