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**RWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**April 28, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (RWSA) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2:15 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Ken Boyd, Mr. Mike Gaffney – presiding, Ms. Kathy Galvin, Ms. Judith Mueller, and Mr. Gary O’Connell.

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Tom Foley, Mr. Maurice Jones.

**Staff Present:** Mr. Tim Castillo, Ms. Vicki Fort, Mr. Tom Frederick, Rich Gullick, Ph. D., Ms. Katie Karaffa, Mr. Doug March, Mr. Phil McKalips, Ms. Michelle Simpson, Ms. Andrea Terry, Ms. Jennifer Whitaker, and Mr. Lonnie Wood.

**Also Present:** Mr. Kurt Krueger – RWSA Counsel, members of the public, and media representatives.

**1.0 Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the RWSA Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Gaffney on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 2:23 p.m., and he noted that a quorum was present.

**2.0 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting**

*a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board on March 24, 2015*

**Mr. O’Connell moved that the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 24, 2015. Ms. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Foley and Mr. Jones were absent from the meeting and the vote.**

**3.0 Executive Director’s Report**

There was no Executive Director’s report provided.

#### **4.0 Items from the Public**

There were no public comments provided.

#### **5.0 Responses to Public Comments**

Mr. Frederick stated that there had been some discussion at the RWSA's March meeting regarding trash and other debris at the Sugar Hollow reservoir property, and announced that there had been a meeting held the previous week, with several parties participating including the City of Charlottesville Parks and Recreation, Albemarle County Police, RWSA, and representatives from the National Park Service. Mr. Frederick stated that it was a very good meeting, and there was interest in developing a joint plan that would be proposed in the August/September timeframe, with some research needing to be done first. He noted that the group in attendance also discussed several other reservoirs that were in similar situations, and he hoped that whatever was proposed would be more comprehensive than simply Sugar Hollow.

#### **6.0 Consent Agenda**

Mr. Gaffney asked if there were any items that Board members wanted to pull for comments or questions from the Consent Agenda:

- a) Staff Report on Finance*
- b) Staff Report on Operations*
- c) Staff Report on Ongoing Projects*
- d) Contract Award and Construction Management Services – Upper Schenks Branch Interceptor*
- e) Additional Easement Acquisition Services – Wholesale Metering Program*

Mr. O'Connell asked if the Schenks Branch work was from the Harris Street intersection to the recycling center.

Mr. Frederick responded affirmatively and added that it was a section of 30" pipe from the intersection of McIntire Road and Harris Street, through the Schenks Greenway Park owned by the City, and would stop at a manhole just short of Albemarle County property, approximately in the driveway to the recycling center.

Mr. O'Connell asked if there would be a separate phase two of the project, extended toward the County Office Building by some not yet confirmed corridor.

Staff responded affirmatively.

Mr. Frederick added that the low bidder being recommended for award was a local contractor.

**Mr. Boyd moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Foley and Mr. Jones were absent from the meeting and the vote.**

## **7.0 Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

## **8.0 Other Items from Board/Staff Not on Agenda**

Ms. Galvin asked if the recent storm event had been adequate to provide the needed data for new wet weather flow projections.

Mr. Frederick recognized Ms. Whitaker and added that he was also interested in the answer.

Ms. Whitaker stated that there had been two or three storms in the last few weeks that had brought fairly significant rainfall. She stated that the sewer meters were located in manholes, and data from the meters were collected once per month – the consultant will soon retrieve and analyze the data from the period covering these storms. Ms. Whitaker stated that storms just a few days apart typically yield the worst sewer flow conditions, and the back-to-back heavy rains were ideal for sewer flow monitoring – with a goal of mid-May to get the data back.

Ms. Galvin thanked staff for the information.

Mr. O'Connell thanked Rich Gullick and Dave Tungate, stating that a few ACSA Board members had wanted a tour of the South Fork water treatment plant to see where the GAC would be installed, and commented that it was a good, interesting tour.

Ms. Mueller stated that the hot topic in the news that morning had been the lowering of fluoride levels in drinking water, and asked if RWSA had met the recommended threshold.

Mr. Frederick responded affirmatively, adding that RWSA was probably the first utility in Virginia to make the change to the new threshold when the first announcement was made by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in January 2011, and RWSA was maintaining that threshold.

Ms. Galvin asked if RWSA had made any statement to the effect that they had already reduced the levels based on the 2011 announcement.

Mr. Frederick believed he recalled that there had been public discussion in the past on this threshold, and further stated that in this community the decision to add or not add fluoride to the local water supply was a decision made by local elected officials, and the City Council and Board of Supervisors had both held public hearings around 2012, and had invited the public and physicians who had expertise in that area. He stated that the decision had been made by both Boards to direct RWSA to include fluoride in the water. Once the local governments make the decision to add fluoride, RWSA's job is to do so by strictly following the rules of the Virginia Department of Health, the EPA and the CDC. Mr. Frederick stated that prior to January 2011, the VDH recommendation was a range of 0.7-1.3 parts per million. He noted that as soon as RWSA saw the press release from the CDC recommending the lower level of 0.7 parts per

million, RWSA immediately took action to lower its level in drinking water accordingly. CDC's basis for recommending the lower level came from a finding that people had greater access to fluoride through dental rinse, toothpaste and other sources, compared to when the range for drinking water was initially established.

Mr. O'Connell stated that the fluoride level in local drinking water had also been published in the local annual water quality reports.<sup>1</sup>

## **9.0 Closed Session**

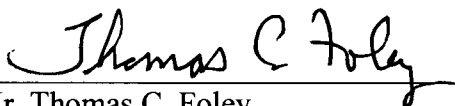
There was no Closed Session held.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

**Mr. O'Connell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mueller seconded the motion, which was approved by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Foley and Mr. Jones were absent from the meeting and the vote.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mr. Thomas C. Foley  
Secretary - Treasurer

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<sup>1</sup> **Editor's Note:** Both the Albemarle County Service Authority and the City of Charlottesville publish a Consumer Confidence Report annually that identifies the constituents and concentration levels in drinking water. These reports have shown continuing compliance with all Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standards for many years.