

**WSA BOARD / BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

20 March 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority Conference Room, 7172 Kennedy Road, Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton, Virginia.

Present:

Board of Supervisors (BOS): None.

Absent: Richard Gerhardt, Member; R. Holder Trumbo, Jr., Member.

Authority Board: Michael J. Focazio, Chairman; William Downey, Vice-Chairman.

County Staff: Paul McCulla, County Administrator; Kimberley Fogle, Director of Fauquier County Community Development; Holly Meade, Assistant Director of Fauquier County Community Development.

WSA Staff: Benjamin R. Shoemaker, Executive Director; Christina Ennis, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board.

Guests: Hank Day, Authority's Local Counsel; Julie Bolthouse, Piedmont Environmental Council.

1) Mr. Focazio called the meeting to order.

2) Approval of Agenda:

Without objection, the Agenda was approved by acclamation as published.

3) Approval of the Minutes:

Without objection, the 17 August 2017 Minutes were approved by the present members by acclamation as published.

4) WSA Items:

A. Introduction of Executive Director –

Mr. Focazio introduced Mr. Shoemaker to the Committee and present attendees.

B. Marshall Water Update –

Mr. Focazio provided the Committee with graphics of the water levels from the Marshall wells. He explained that the drop in water levels exposes a large vulnerability in the Marshall system. Mr. Focazio also provided the radiological results for the 17/66 well which had significant amounts of radium but remains within the acceptable standards. Mr. Focazio stated to the Committee that one of the Authority's main focuses was to make the Marshall water system more robust.

Mr. McCulla informed the Committee that the Board of Supervisors is set to approve funding for the 17/66 railroad crossing water and sewer. The Committee members and the Fauquier County Community Development staff briefly reviewed the Authority's newest Groveton Meadows site plan.

C. Opal Project Update –

Mr. Shoemaker explained that Mr. Hughes, the Authority's former Interim General Manager, likely added this item to inquire about the County's funding status. Mr. McCulla informed the present Committee members that the Board of Supervisors decided to hold off on the project and spend their funds elsewhere. Mr. Shoemaker stated that the Authority would tabulate the project costs and send it over to the County.

D. Radium in New Baltimore –

Mr. Focazio stated that the Authority Board wishes to update the Board of Supervisors on the presence of Radium in the Terranova Well in New Baltimore. He explained that the radium emanates from rocks that are prevalent in the Fauquier County area. Mr. Focazio added that the testing results were not yet in for the fourth quarter but that it was extremely likely that the average radium level will be above the acceptable standard. He emphasized that this was a community outreach issue and that staff had plans in place for treatment.

Mr. Shoemaker explained that the Authority had already chosen a treatment option and had run it by the Health Department for a cursory review. He added that the Authority will also engage an outreach professional who will

aid the staff and Board members with talking points other customer outreach materials.

Mr. McCulla asked the Authority staff to provide a rough drawing of the required treatment building and stated that the County would aid in whatever way possible to help speed the process.

Mr. Focazio asked how the County would like to be involved in the customer response process. Mr. Shoemaker explained that the first step would be sending a letter to Authority customers. Mr. McCulla requested a list of talking points to provide for the Board of Supervisors as well as a copy of the customer letter before it is sent. He also suggested adding a literary resource for customers on the Authority website. Mr. McCulla suggested the possibility of a town hall meeting with a health department specialist.

5) County Items:

A. Catlett/Calverton Sewer Project Update –

Mr. McCulla informed attendees that the County had hired a project manager, Downey & Scott, for the project. The County was in the loan closing process and was hoping to close in April. Mr. McCulla also explained that the County will be searching for a company to operate the system. He added that the current belief from the County was to obtain an outside company to operate the system as the Authority's rates were too expensive. Mr. Downey stated that as an interested party, he will abstain from any Authority vote regarding the project.

Mr. McCulla stated that the County was considering obtaining property in the Vint Hill area.

Mr. Downey asked Mr. McCulla to gather Board of Supervisors' thoughts of joining the Vint Hill into the New Baltimore water system.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.