

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

25 June 2018

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority Conference Room, 7172 Kennedy Road, Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton, Virginia.

Present:

Board of Supervisors (BOS): 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. McCulla called the meeting to order.

2) Approval of Agenda:

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

3) Approval of the Minutes:

Without objection, the 15 August 2017 Minutes and the 20 March 2018 were approved by the present members by acclimation as published.

4) WSA Items:

A. Terranova Water Update –

Mr. Shoemaker explained to the Committee that the Authority received its fourth quarter test results in May and removed the well from service that same day. He added that the Authority's staff then worked on providing the required notices, which were sent out the week prior to the Committee Meeting along with the annual consumer confidence report. The Authority also posted a notice on its website and sent press releases to *Fauquier Now* and *The Fauquier Times*. Mr. Shoemaker informed the Committee that there had been very low response from customers.

Mr. Shoemaker added that the Authority was in the process of constructing the additional treatment onto the Terranova well. He added that the earliest the well would go back online was late August/early September, pending approval from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

Mr. Trumbo expressed his concern with whether Terranova well would be back online before the Baldwin Ridge tank construction is completed. He added that there could be issues with filling the tank without the water from the Terranova well. Mr. Shoemaker stated that he would check on both schedules after the meeting and provide them to the Committee.

B. Marshall Water Update –

Mr. McCulla informed the Committee that he had met with Mr. Emery about moving the project along. He added that Mr. Emery, after testing, was unable to find the supposed well under a sports field in Marshall. Mr. Downey explained that he was on the County Board of Supervisors when the project was started and that there was a civil engineering firm, Patton Harris Rust & Associates, Inc., that may have additional information on the location of the well.

Mr. Focazio explained to the Committee that the Authority was engaging in strategic planning for the organization as a whole, which would include comprehensive water plans for each of the service districts.

Mr. Shoemaker updated the Committee on the status of the Salem Well #3. He informed the Committee that the Authority had chosen to tie the well into the system by going through a development going south of Rt. 55 into the elevated storage tank at 17/66. Mr. Shoemaker stated that this new route would align with the County's desire to run water and sewer across the railroad at Whiting Road. Mr. Trumbo stated that he had met with Mr. Carter Wiley regarding the holding of taps for economic development and asked

the Authority Board Members why the taps could not be reserved for an undefined amount of time. Mr. Day explained that reserving taps indefinitely would violate the Authority's policy in its Operating Code. He added that the Authority suggested extending the Agreement for a set amount of time and should Mr. Wiley need more time at the end of the Agreement, the Authority would extend it again. Mr. Trumbo stated that the Board would like to see the available capacity in Marshall go to economic development.

Mr. Downey expressed the Authority's desire to align its strategic plans with those of the County.

5) County Items:

A. Airport Water and Sewer Update –

Mr. McCulla stated that he and Mr. Shoemaker agreed it was time to begin the sewer PER process regarding running the line from Bealeton to the airport. He added that the County would put together an Agreement for the Authority to conduct the PER with an understanding that if it is too expensive the County would step back and take a break on the project. Mr. McCulla explained that he had asked Mr. Shoemaker to look back on other projects, such as Catlett/Calverton, as he believes that they may contain outlines for a PER.

Mr. McCulla further explained that there were five wells that the County had wanted to drill, but that one of the wells was in the runway exclusion zone. He added that of the remaining four wells, two are ready to be drilled; however, the rain had created an issue requiring the County to wait a couple weeks for the lot to dry out. Mr. McCulla stated that the other two wells were in the area under the feds, which would require a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act). He added that the County will drill the two other wells first, which they hope will provide enough water for a community well without having to pursue the other two, as a NEPA is both expensive and time-consuming.

Mr. Gerhardt inquired whether it was a capacity issue to run water in conjunction with running sewer. Mr. Shoemaker stated that the current route was the best practice but that Mr. Gerhardt's suggestion was a possibility. Mr. McCulla added that it would be a good fallback. Mr. Shoemaker asked if there would be one PER for water and sewer combined or starting sewer

ahead of time while the water is waiting to be resolved. Mr. McCulla responded that the sewer PER should be started first.

B. Whiting Road Discussion –

Ms. Fogle informed the Committee that the County was finishing the design phase and was in discussion of an agreement for the Authority to take over the construction. Mr. McCulla added that the County would like to have a funding agreement with the Authority to takeover construction and installment as the Authority will own and operate the project in the future. Ms. Fogle added that the County will have done the full engineering plans and obtained the permit from the railroad. Mr. McCulla stated that the County will be bringing that back to a future Liaison Committee Meeting for the Authority Board's approval.

Mr. Fogle added that an issue had arisen with VDOT regarding the placement of a storm water pond overtop of where one of the lines was meant to go.

C. Appleton-Campbell Property - Proposed Town Water/Sewer Service –

Mr. McCulla explained that Appleton-Campbell own a piece of property immediately outside of the Town but would like to be serviced by the Town via the Tri Party Agreement. Mr. McCulla suggested approving the Appleton-Campbell through the current Agreement, but direct staff and attorneys from the Authority, the County, and the Town to work together to update the Agreement regarding the Authority's plans for future services or lack thereof.

Mr. Shoemaker explained the Authority's concern regarding removing service area piecemeal and the revenue stream the Authority has pledged as part of its bond covenants. He added the Authority would be in favor of a more long-term agreement with regards to where each of the parties plans to service in the future.

D. Hydrogeological Testing Ordinance Discussion –

Ms. Fogle informed the Board that the County has a final draft after receiving comments from Mr. Emery and Mr. Focazio. Mr. McCulla added that the public hearing was tabled at the County's previous meeting and that

the County would bring it back for final approval at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

6) Next Meeting:

Mr. McCulla reminded the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2018, but could change as necessary.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.