

MINUTES
Liaison Committee Meeting
February 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 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): Rick Gerhardt, Vice Chairman, Holder Trumbo, Member.

Authority Board: Raymond Graham, Chairman, Bill Downey, Secretary/Treasurer.

County Staff: Paul McCulla, County Administrator, Kimberly Fogle, Director, Community Development, Gary Schwartz, Fauquier County Construction Manager.

WSA Staff: Butch Farley, General Manager, Butch Farley, William Skinker, Associate General Manager/CFO, Cheryl St. Amant, Associate General Manager/Director of Operations, Mary Sherrill, Director of Engineering, Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance, and Nikki Saulsbury, Personnel Administrator.

Guests: Henry C. Day, Esquire- Authority's local counsel.

1. **Holder Trumbo called the meeting to order.**

2. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Without objection, the Agenda was approved as published.

3. **Approval of the Minutes:**

On motion by Mr. Downey and **seconded** by Mr. Graham to approve the 03 December 15.

4. **Opal Public Water System Update:** Mary Sherrill stated that Phase 1A of the Opal Water System was to put in a water tank, well and the connection between the two for the Opal water project. The original plan from 2008 was to terminate the water line at the McDonalds/Opal Road intersection. This plan would only allow for McDonalds, if they so

choose, to be the only customer to connect to the new system at this time which would not allow the system to function properly. Ms. Sherrill recommended extending the water line to Lees Mill Road which would allow existing Authority customers to tie into the Opal water system which would increase fire flow as well as serve as a backup well if another well goes out of service. Currently if a well does go down the WSA would be able to provide service to those customers. The Authority would pay for the line extension as it will be connecting to existing infrastructure. Mr. McCulla added that he has included Phase 1A into the proposed CIP and will know by the end of March if the BOS left the funds in the budget for this project.

5. **Water Research Annual Funding:** Mr. Graham stated that he noticed \$200,000 was placed back into the BOS budget and wanted to know what the plan was for water research. Mr. McCulla agreed that funds were placed back into the budget but the majority of the funds, around \$150,000, will be going towards a contract with the USGS to conduct a water study of all of Fauquier County to determine the nature of flow, recharge areas and so forth but does not include exploration. There may be around \$50,000 left over in the upcoming budget for water research.

6. **Catlett/Calverton Sewer Project:** Mr. McCulla addressed the committee stating that the BOS is interested in revisiting the cost of the Catlett/Calverton sewer project. The Board is considering running a sewer line to Midland and would to look into the cost of taking the line from Midland to Catlett/Calverton and establish a collection system limiting the capacity of the sewer line to 308 EMUs. The County has begun discussions with WSA staff and coming up with updated estimates. The County has also re-engaged with the engineer whom conducted the 2011 Preliminary Engineers Report(PER) in order to get an updated estimated cost and the County and WSA staff will be able to meet up and agree on an amount to bring before both Boards. If the 2004 estimate is updated the cost would be around \$12 million and that does not include resizing the sewer lines which the original scope calls for larger size lines then what the most recent scope would possibly call for. Furthermore, the estimates do not take into account if rock is located during construction or right of way costs. Mr. McCulla also discussed the various methods for the County to recoup their costs with an agreement similar to what was done with the Larry Weeks project and the upgrade to the Vint Hill WWTP. After further discussion the Board agreed to move forward with getting a preliminary PER along with updated estimates and will discuss the findings once they're in.

Without objection ,the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.