

RWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 22, 2001

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 22, 2001, at 3:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 200 Franklin Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Collins, presiding, Mr. William Brent, and Mrs. Judith Mueller. Board member Mr. Robert Tucker joined the Board during the meeting.

Board member absent: Mr. Gary O'Connell.

Authority staff present: Mr. Lawrence Tropea, Mr. Gene Potter, Mr. Stephen Bowler, Mr. Lonnie Wood, Mr. Bruce Edmonds, and Ms. Carol Wiles.

Also present: Mr. Kurt Krueger, RWSA Attorney, 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. Richard Collins, Chairman, on Monday, October 22, 2001, at 3:05 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Mr. Collins stated that like many individuals and groups, the Board of Directors, would like to express their condolences in regards to the passing of Senator Emily Couric.

Mr. Collins welcomed Mr. Larry Tropea to his first regular meeting as the new executive director and stated that the Board of Directors looked forward to working with him.

2.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Brent, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors voted to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, September 24, 2001 with one amendment to Page 3, item 7.0 Items From The Public, 2nd paragraph, the 2nd line delete "**who**" and add "**all of whom**" which now will read "which includes Mr. Caravati, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Parker all of whom he understands will make brief comments".

Upon motion by Mrs. Mueller, and seconded by Mr. Brent, the Board of Directors voted to approve the minutes of the special joint Board meeting held on Monday, October 9, 2001.

3.0 Items From The Public

Mr. Andy Wilson, Scottsville, Virginia, representing the Rivanna Conservation Society

(RCS), commented on the need for an integrated water resource planning process that accounts for upstream, downstream, surface and groundwater uses. He stated that if local government leadership in this area is not taken then they would pursue action by the state (attached).

Mr. Martin, Free Union, Virginia, asked the Board of Directors for their views regarding the concept of integrated water resource planning and the timetable and procedures for development of a Drought Management Plan and a Water Conservation Plan. He also asked about the status of the "historical commitment" to maintain a reservoir release of 8 MGD below the South Rivanna Reservoir (attached).

Mr. Collins asked if any member of the Board of Directors, or Mr. Tropea, would like to respond to Mr. Martin's comments.

Mr. Tropea thanked both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Martin for coming forward and offering their views and stated that we appreciated that very much. Mr. Tropea stated that last Friday's public announcement made by the City, the Albemarle County Service Authority and the Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority was sound and struck the right balance in a difficult and complex area. He stated that we need the public's help to conserve water and stretch our reservoir supply. He stated that we concurrently reduced the downstream release from the South Rivanna Reservoir from 8 MGD to 6 MGD. Mr. Tropea said everyone should note that we are still discharging 6 MGD of water from that reservoir which is a significant quantity of water. He stated that in the case of Sugar Hollow our release is controlled by the height of water behind the dam and as levels continue to drop so does the amount of this release. He stated that we are releasing an estimated 300,000 gallons of water a day at this time.

Mr. Tropea said that we have not stepped away from our environmental commitments but we must always remember that we have a public responsibility to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water especially during times of severe dry weather. He noted that reservoir volumes are continuing to decline and no significant rainfall relief is on the horizon. Mr. Tropea continued that we are in the midst today of a very beautiful day but a better day would be one with a slow saturating rain. He said that we must remain focused on the need to maintain a reliable supply of water to serve the citizens and customers that we have in this area.

4.0 Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins asked if there were any items that the Board members would like to discuss regarding the Consent Agenda.

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- 4a) Staff Report on Finance
- 4b) Staff Report on Operations
- 4c) Staff Report of Ongoing Projects
- 4d) Reaffirming Resolution Passed Regarding the Employment of the New Executive Director

In regards to item 4b), the Staff Report on Operations, Mr. Brent asked Mr. Potter for an update on the Stillhouse storage tank. Mr. Potter said that they will have a recommendation to be included in the next fiscal year budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Brent, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors approved items a), b), c), and d) of the Consent Agenda. All members voted aye.

5.0 Other Business

In regards to item 5a), the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report, Mr. Collins introduced Mr. Don Sours, Chairman, of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Sours then gave an overview of the CAC's comments on the Future Water Supply Project report. The Board thanked Mr. Sours, and the CAC members, for their hard work and thoughtful analysis (attached). Mrs. Mueller said she would like Mr. Tropea to review the CAC's comments and provide suggestions back to the Board.

Mr. Stephen Bowler, Watershed Manager for Albemarle County, stated that the County is undertaking a groundwater study with the consultant being ENSAT Corporation of Culpeper, Virginia. He stated that this study will shed light on the future groundwater needs of the community.

In regards to item 5b), the Policy on Employee Transfers, Mr. Tropea stated that the draft procedure was to ensure that the Authority had specific procedures in place if we were to transfer employees from one Authority to the other as its needs and requirements change. Mr. Tropea stated that he would like the Board to formally approve this policy so that we can move forward in the future should we have an occasion to transfer employees.

Upon motion by Mr. Tucker, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors approved the Policy on Employee Transfers. All members voted aye.

In regards to item 5c), the Resolution of Appreciation, Mr. Collins presented a Board of Director's Resolution of Appreciation to the previous Citizens Advisory Committee members as follows: Mrs. Patricia Cooke, Mrs. Lois Rochester, Mr. Tim Rose, Mr. George King, and Mr. Frank Kessler (attached).

Upon motion by Mr. Brent, and seconded by Mrs. Mueller, the Board of Directors approved the Resolutions as presented. All members voted aye.

6.0 Other Items From Board/Staff Not On Agenda

Mr. Collins asked that Mr. Tropea look at a request from the Rivanna Trails Foundation to allow them to put stone in Moores Creek upstream from our treatment plant.

7.0 Items From The Public

There were no additional items from the public.

8.0 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Tucker, at 3:50 p.m. All members voted aye.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Robert Tucker
Secretary - Treasurer