

Augusta County Service Authority
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 7, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.
Board Meeting Room

PRESENT: Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Chairman
John H. Graves
Larry J. Wills
Michael L. Shull
G.L. "Butch" Wells
Andrew C. Middleton
Kenneth Fanfoni, Executive Director
William Monroe, Deputy Executive Director of Administration/Engineering
Jesse Roach, Deputy Executive Director of Operations
Brent Canterbury, Director of Finance
Tony Morse, Director of Treatment Operations
Casey McCracken, Customer Service & Technology Manager
Steve McAllister, Field Operations Superintendent
Matt Morris, Engineering/GIS Projects Manager
Chad Hammer, Collection & Distribution Supervisor
Jennifer Hoover, Senior Project Engineer
Bryan Rieckmann, Field Utility Engineer
Sheri Heflin, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Carolyn S. Bragg

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wills moved, seconded by Dr. Middleton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2016, which had been mailed to the members and no corrections were being made.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Pyles, Graves, Wills, Shull, Wells, and
Middleton
Nays: None
Absent: Bragg

Motion approved.

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MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Chris Earhart came before the Board to thank the Service Authority and the employees at the Augusta Regional Landfill for the improvements that have been made there, and for the professional way the Landfill is being run.

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Progress Report for March is on file in the Secretary's office and was reviewed with the Board.

Augusta Regional Landfill: The Board recommended placing information that is beneficial to the public such as what items can and cannot be taken to the Landfill, and special events such as the Augusta County Clean-Up, in the Augusta County Parks and Recreation's quarterly publication.

Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School: Staff has been working with the Augusta County School Board Staff to connect them to public water in association with the new Hugh Cassell School Project and concerns over the reliability of the existing well. Staff reported that this has turned into a major project that the Service Authority had not anticipated, which now includes replacement of their sewer treatment plant with a sewer pump station and an additional 7,400 feet of pipe to connect to the public sewer system. The pipeline projects involve both a railroad and river crossing. Other projects have had to be put on hold in order to finish the school connection. Staff noted that they are tracking hours spent on this project.

Engineering Plan Review Report: The Board requested that Staff explain the Engineering Plan Review Report at the next Board meeting.

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FY2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Staff continued the preliminary review of the FY2017 budget with the Board, and discussed revenue and net cash flow, asset replacement priorities, and rate and funding strategies.

The updated dashboard from the rate model was shown to the Board. The dashboard reflected progress to date on balancing all operating and capital expenses with available funds through 2020.

Staff discussed which projects are in the proposed budget, and which projects are not funded. Staff presented an updated capital project prioritization list to the Board, which is focused on the replacement of aging infrastructure. Staff noted that meter technologies continue to be evaluated, and Staff continues to review the pros and cons of each type of system. The meter replacement program is a budgeted item.

Although the Weyers Cave WWTP Expansion is not currently funded, Staff budgeted some funding for wetlands work, as the permit through the Army Corps of Engineers expires in 2017. By adding funds to the proposed FY2017 budget, Staff would be able to complete wetlands work before the current permit expires.

Mr. Wills recommended contacting the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport Commission concerning possible grants they may be eligible to receive for water system improvements or fire flow.

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ENGINEERING CONTRACTS – WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Due to the current workload of Service Authority engineering personnel, Staff executed two outside engineering support contracts associated with various budgeted waterline improvement/substandard line projects. The scope of work for these contracts includes initial survey and design; however, Staff will likely assist with line routing, line sizing and modeling, right-of-way and easement research, easement acquisition, and construction stake out.

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SEWER REHABILITATION CONTRACT

Staff reported that the average daily flow through the Mt. Sidney WWTP routinely exceeds the permitted discharge limit during wet weather events. TV inspections have shown that nineteen gravity mains were in critical need of repair, and slip lining these mains could reduce peak inflow and infiltration (I&I) by 41 percent. Additional repairs would need to be made in future years to further reduce I&I.

Staff recommended that A.J. Conner General Contractor slip line the nineteen gravity mains at a cost of \$184,561.14, which falls within the budget for I&I capital repairs. A.J. Conner would be performing this work under an existing contract with the Service Authority.

Dr. Middleton moved, seconded by Mr. Wills, to approve Staff’s recommendation as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Pyles, Graves, Wills, Shull, Wells, and Middleton
Nays:	None
Absent:	Bragg

Motion approved.

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GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT

Staff has continued to search for additional water supplies in the South River water system to complement the output from the active wells in that system, as well as Coles Run Dam. Currently, the South River system is at 69 percent of its permitted limit when delivering the average daily demand. Once average demand reaches eighty percent of the permitted system capacity, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) requires improvements to the system.

In order to stay proactive, Staff recommended that the Board approve a Preliminary Hydrogeological Assessment of the South River water system to be performed by ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, in the amount of \$59,760, which falls within the Water Capital budget.

GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT (CONTINUED):

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve Staff’s recommendation as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Pyles, Graves, Wills, Shull, Wells, and Middleton
Nays:	None
Absent:	Bragg

Motion approved.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Wills requested that Staff speak directly with Delegate Steve Landes and Senator Emmett Hanger concerning nutrient credit allocations to ensure that they know how proposed legislation could impact Augusta County and the Service Authority.

Mr. Wills requested that something be placed in the bills letting customers know that their water is in compliance with drinking water standards for lead.

Mr. Pyles stated that Joe Colvin, Craigsville Town Councilman, spoke very highly of Jean Andrews’ knowledge and expertise.

Mr. Pyles requested that Board packets be emailed to Board of Supervisor members who do not sit on the Service Authority Board of Directors.

Mr. Pyles requested that the Board begin touring Service Authority facilities again, and asked Staff to possibly set something up for the April Board meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman