

RWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 26, 2005

A regular meeting of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 2:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, Administration Building, 695 Moores Creek Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Mr. William Brent, Ms. Judith Mueller, and Mr. Robert Tucker – Presiding.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Michael Gaffney and Mr. Gary O’Connell.

Authority Staff Present: Mr. Tom Frederick, Mr. Chuck Kent, Ms. Mary Knowles, Ms. Michelle Simpson, Ms. Andrea Terry, Dr. Robert Wichser, and Mr. Lonnie Wood.

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. Robert Tucker in the Chairman’s absence on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 2:00 p.m., and he noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Tucker stated that due to the absence of Mr. Michael Gaffney and Mr. Gary O’Connell, he would be acting as “chair” for today’s meeting. Mr. Tucker then requested that Mr. William Brent serve as “Acting Secretary.” Mr. Brent replied that he would be honored to serve in that capacity.

Upon a motion by Ms. Mueller, and seconded by Mr. Brent, the Board of Directors by a 3 – 0 vote approved Mr. William Brent serving as “Acting Secretary” for the September 26, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting.

2.0 Minutes Of Previous Board Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Mueller, and seconded by Mr. Brent, the Board of Directors by a 3 – 0 vote approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2005.

3.0 Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Frederick first reported on his attendance at the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on September 15, 2005. At that meeting, the Board approved an additional six-month extension to the 60 days that had been granted in July 2005 on RWSA’s Operating Certificate for the Ragged Mountain

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Dams. This additional time would extend RWSA's license to operate those dams until March 31, 2006. Some questions had been generated by Dam Safety staff related to accelerating the schedule that had been approved by the RWSA Board of Directors in May and submitted as part of Rivanna's application for the permit extension. Mr. Frederick stated that at that point he offered to provide RWSA's resources to Dam Safety whenever appropriate to address any further questions concerning the permit extension request. He felt that one of the reasons for granting the six-month extension was to allow Dam Safety staff sufficient time to review all the material provided by RWSA. He also felt it was important to recognize that the issue was not settled, but the process was moving forward at this time.

Mr. Frederick stated that as discussed at last month's Board meeting, RWSA had expected the State Water Control Board (SWCB) to make decisions related to nutrient allocations to point sources for the James River at its September Board meeting. Within the past few days, he received confirmation that action on this matter had been postponed and the item would not be on the SWCB's September agenda. A special SWCB meeting would be held probably in November to discuss DEQ's proposed wasteload allocations, which were not known at this time. Unless there were further questions, no additional discussion on this item was planned during today's meeting.

Mr. Frederick also reported that RWSA had completed the process of reviewing proposals and had interviewed three finalists for studies at the Moores Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (Moores Creek WWTP) that were in conjunction with DEQ and receipt of a grant. The consulting firm of Hazen & Sawyer was selected to conduct the "Interim Optimization Plan" or "IOP" and the "Basis of Design" or "BOD" studies. Since the contract award was for an amount less than \$50,000, RWSA was proceeding with executing the documents and filing a report to DEQ. Based on the amount currently in the Water Quality Improvement Fund, DEQ indicated that RWSA could obtain a 75 percent grant for those studies. The decision was made to proceed in this manner due to the expectation that in the future those studies would be required by DEQ as part of the permit process. RWSA would insist on written approval from DEQ before initiating the studies to ensure that the scope of work met DEQ's finalized grant requirements.

Mr. Frederick announced that the date and time for the next Public Outreach Meeting on the Community Water Supply project had been set for Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monticello High School Forum. Previous feedback from citizens indicated a preference for that location. RWSA staff will be available for informal discussions with the public between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on that date. The evaluation process of the Ragged Mountain expansion would have reached a point where information concerning potential pipeline routes between the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir (SFRR) and Ragged Mountain and other issues related to that alternative could be shared with the public at that time.

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The meeting would be facilitated in a manner similar to what had been done for previous meetings. RWSA expected that the meeting would entail both information sharing on Rivanna's part as well as receiving feedback from citizens. RWSA liked to refer to this process as a "conversation."

Mr. Frederick commented that RWSA continued to maintain regular communication with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), whose work had some association with the Community Water Supply project. RWSA understood that individuals selected by TNC from both Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia were continuing their detailed research work pertaining to individual organisms and environmental issues with respect to stream flows. There was no new technical information to share at this time, but TNC indicated that new recommendations would be presented in the near future.

Mr. Frederick next reported on the abnormally dry conditions being experienced by this area. He stated that with the exception of the rainfall received from the remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy in mid-July, it has been a very dry summer. He stressed that RWSA has been monitoring the situation very carefully on a regular basis. The water supply was "safe" at this time, and stream flows were normally higher during the winter season due to the cooler temperatures and the dormant condition of the trees. If fairly significant precipitation did not occur during the winter months, the area would begin next spring with a lesser amount of groundwater supply contribution to the streams than what occurred this year.

On that same theme, Mr. Frederick noted that during the past two weeks water demand has averaged over 12.9 million gallons per day. He felt it would be appropriate at this time to remind the public that the City of Charlottesville and the Albemarle County Service Authority offered very good public education programs concerning water conservation. He suggested focusing on outdoor water use since it was felt that much of the higher demand could be attributed to those types of activities. Some of the tips provided by those programs concerned irrigation methods that protected plants while conserving water. Mr. Frederick added that all the citizens sharing a common goal could have a positive impact on water conservation efforts in this community.

Mr. Brent commented that with respect to Mr. Frederick's last topic, the City and the Albemarle County Service Authority at 5:00 a.m. tomorrow would start a new series of conservation commercials aimed primarily at outdoor water use.

4.0 Items From The Public

Mr. John Martin, a resident of Free Union, Virginia, commented on a notice that appeared in the Legal Classified section of the newspaper the past two Saturdays concerning the Cooper Industries Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Earlysville. Apparently there was a request to amend the plant's permit. He had never heard of that plant before and found out that it treated contaminated groundwater in the Earlysville area. The effluent was discharged into an unnamed

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tributary, which flowed directly into the reservoir. The groundwater was contaminated with some “serious stuff,” such as TCE. The plant’s current permit was changed in 2002 so that the only thing they had to monitor and report on was the pH of the effluent and not the toxicity of the effluent. Apparently there have been no problems, but the plant did discharge directly into the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir. Mr. Martin raised this matter in the event RWSA felt it warranted further scrutiny.

Mr. Tucker thanked Mr. Martin for his comments.

In response to Mr. Martin’s comments, Mr. Frederick stated that RWSA was aware of the request made by Cooper Industries. Dr. Wichser was looking into the matter and would be reporting his findings after reviewing the company’s records as well as DEQ reports. Mr. Frederick commented that RWSA wanted to work with its neighbors within the watershed to the extent that it was appropriate, recognizing that the Authority’s first objective was safe drinking water for the public. RWSA’s investigation would take those objectives into account.

5.0 Consent Agenda

Mr. Tucker asked if there were any items that the Board members would like to pull for questions or further discussion from the Consent Agenda.

- 5a) Staff Report on Finance
- 5b) Staff Report on Operations
- 5c) Staff Report on On-going Projects
- 5d) Staff Report on Community Water Supply Plan
- 5e) Design Services Contract – Filter Upgrades for Crozet, Scottsville, and North Rivanna Water Treatment Plants
- 5f) Bid Award – Moores Creek Influent Headworks Improvement Project
- 5g) Bid Award – Compost Removal Trommel Screen Replacement

As there were no further questions or discussion, Mr. Brent moved, which was seconded by Mrs. Mueller, that the Board of Directors vote to approve Items 5a), b), c), d), e), f), and g) of the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a 3 – 0 vote.

6.0 Other Business

There was no Other Business this month.

7.0 Other Items From Board/Staff Not On Agenda

There were no other items from the Board or staff not on the Agenda.

8.0 Closed Meeting

There was no need for a closed meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Mueller moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Brent. All members voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. J. William Brent
Acting Secretary