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Meeting Minutes
NRV Regional Water Authority Board

July 27, 2022

Board / Staff Members Present: William R. Knocke, Marc A. Verniel, Wayne O. Nelson, F. Craig Meadows, Caleb M. Taylor, Sharon T. Huff, Jim Guynn, Guynn, Waddell, Carroll & Lockaby

Guests Present: Doug Hudgins, CHA; Gabrielle Spennacchio-Parker

Absent: Christopher Kivus

Location: NRV Regional Water Authority Conference Room

1. The meeting convened at 4:00.
2. Wayne made a motion to approve the agenda. Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Board minutes for the Wednesday, May 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed.
 - b. A motion to accept the May 11, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Wayne and seconded by Craig. All were in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report:

The May and June financial reports were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. There was some discussion about the financial reports. Craig made a motion to accept the financial reports for May and June. Wayne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Public Comments:

Gabrielle Spennacchio-Parker spoke about her research on fluoride and the possibility of eliminating fluoride from the drinking water in the New River Valley. Craig recommended that she send her information to Caleb for review and distribute to the Board members. The item can be included as a discussion point for the Board's consideration at a later meeting date.

6. Executive Director's Report:

a. Operations Highlights:

Caleb discussed the issue that recently happened at the Authority. One of the contractors left a water hose on while the plant was shut down. This caused significant damage to the old motor control center. After making temporary repairs, the Authority was back up and running within a few hours. Caleb has met with the contractor to make sure this doesn't happen again. They are also working on how to make a more permanent solution until the plant modernization project is complete.

b. Metered Consumption:

Caleb provided the water consumption charts as well as the May and June water reports in the Board packet. Water consumption for May was 8.3% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in the month of May. Water consumption for June was 12.6% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in the month of June.

c. Previous and Current Business:

i. Water Treatment Plant Modernization:

Caleb updated the Board on how the construction is progressing at the plant and raw water pumping station sites.

ii. Asset Management Study:

The study is continuing. Authority staff has met with CHA to review possible software packages. CHA has been working with Sheila and Michael and trying out different apps to see which one they prefer.

iii. Route 114 and Route 450 Pump Station Evaluation:

Materials and equipment have been ordered.

iv. Merrimac Pressure Reducing Valve & Vault:

The vault construction was taking place at the time of the meeting. Caleb hopes that it will be operational within the next few weeks.

v. Action Items:

Wheelage Rate Calculation – Wayne went over some of the discussions within the Town about water loss issues the Town is dealing with. After the discussions, the Town administration agrees with the results of the wheeling fee calculations. They have discussed the need for a water audit. The Town believes only the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2022 should be adjusted to the new wheelage rate. Wayne discussed the Town’s position with Craig. Craig indicated that the County and the PSA agree with the Town. Bill asked why the Authority is a part of this when it is really an issue between the Town of Christiansburg and Montgomery County. Craig described how the Authority is operating as a neutral third party in the situation and that there have been preliminary discussions between the County and the Town of Blacksburg where a wheeling fee would be required to extend into an area of the County located west of the Town of Blacksburg. Caleb discussed his concerns about not having enough guidance language in the agreement about how the wheeling calculation should be handled. Caleb believes there needs to be an amendment describing exactly how this should be handled in the future. Jim mentioned how the Board decides during the meeting how it is to be handled. Since the Authority is the neutral party and the one that is taking care of the wheeling fee, the Board needs to vote approving the wheeling calculations and when they will go into effect. Wayne made a motion to accept the calculation as prepared by Draper Aden Associates for the Wheeling Fee changing the existing fee of 32% to 26% and it will be effective April 1, 2022, and will be in effect until June 30, 2025. The next cycle for the wheeling fee calculation will commence starting in fiscal year 2025. Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- d. New Business:
None currently.


6. Comments from the Board:

7. Other Business:

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:41p.m.



Chairman



Secretary