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A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on March 16, 2023 at the Orange County Airport.

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 PM. A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:   Members:   Bowman, Coppage, Crozier, Frame, Yowell  
                              Marie Durrer attended in place of Mr. Martin.  
          Staff:       GM Clemons, DO Jarrell, DA Gaskins  
          Attorney:   Terry Lynn  
          Visitors:   Jim Frydl, Kim Morris, Debbie Baugher, Media

The agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by Bowman, seconded by Yowell and approved unanimously on a voice vote.

On a motion made by Coppage, seconded by Bowman, the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Board meeting were approved 4-0 on a voice vote with Mr. Yowell and Ms. Durrer abstaining as they were not present at the meeting.

There was no old business, public comment, customer requests or Board comment.

A motion was made by Bowman and seconded by Durrer to approve a resolution approving the SCC application for Greene County's withdrawal from Rapidan Service Authority and granting authority to the Rapidan Service Authority Chairman to endorse said SCC application. The motion passed 6-0 on a rollcall vote.

A motion was made by Bowman and seconded by Durrer to approve a resolution approving the asset transfer documents associated with Greene County's withdrawal from Rapidan Service Authority and granting authority to the Rapidan Service Authority Chairman to endorse said transfer documents at the appropriate time. The motion passed 6-0 on a rollcall vote.

The Board then considered the acceptance of Wilderness Shores Subdivision Section 11 into the RSA water/sewer systems. This section includes 76 lots. On a motion by Crozier, seconded by Bowman, the Board unanimously approved the acceptance of Wilderness Shores Subdivision Section 11 into the RSA system on a voice vote.

The Board then considered the acceptance of Wilderness Shores Subdivision Sections 15 and 16 into the RSA water/sewer systems. These sections include 168 lots. On a motion by Crozier, seconded by Bowman, the Board unanimously approved the acceptance of Wilderness Shores Subdivision Sections 15 and 16 into the RSA system on a voice vote.

GM Clemons reported that the audit has been completed and he hopes to have it presented at the next Board meeting. He then mentioned a recent newspaper article concerning the EPA's regulation of PFAS. This regulation would be four parts per trillion and would be very expensive to test for and treat. The Chairman indicated that he planned to write a response to the article which claimed that utilities would foot the bill, pointing out that customers would be the ones ultimately paying the bill. Coppage asked if there was anything new on the Madison water and sewer projects.

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The project design for the ARPA water improvements is approximately 60% complete and will hopefully be out to bid by the end of May. The sewer project will move forward once the water project bidding is done. Mr. Crozier asked about the status of Tricord and the new sewer force main project. Plans have been sent to VCC and Clark's Directional Boring to look at, and RSA is ready to proceed as soon they come back.

Attorney Lynn gave her report. She outlined the process that will take place once the SCC has approved Greene County's application to withdraw from RSA. Three days after the SCC approval, dismissal orders will be filed in court to dismiss Greene County's lawsuit against RSA. The paperwork to transfer the permit to Greene County will already be signed and ready to go to DEQ/VDH. Once the permits have been transferred, Attorney Lynn will have the Chairman sign the deed and asset transfer papers. DEQ and VDH would prefer that this be on the first of the month. Greene County hopes for April 1.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Crozier spoke briefly about the Wilderness Crossing rezoning proposition that the Orange County Planning Commission is presently considering and getting ready to hold a public hearing on. RSA, through its General Manager and Orange County representatives on the RSA Board, has been included in the background work for this and is well prepared to deal with it if it is passed. This project, if approved, will have a long-term impact on both development in Orange County and water and sewer needs in the area to be met by RSA.

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, Bowman made a motion, seconded by Crozier, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote at 2:12 PM.

  
Chairman