

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on April 20, 2023 at the Madison County Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:       Members:     Bowman, Coppage, Crozier (via Zoom from New Bern, NC),  
Frame, Martin, Yowell

Staff:           GM Clemons, DO Jarrell, DA Gaskins

Attorney:       Terry Lynn

Visitors:       Jonathan Weakley, Tricord (Craig Jones and Tim Hall), Media

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

On a motion made by Coppage, seconded by Bowman, the minutes of the March 16, 2023 Board meeting were approved 5-0 on a voice vote with Martin abstaining.

There was no old business. There were no public comments or customer requests.

During the opportunity for Board comment, Mr. Bowman pointed out that Greene County had done everything requested by the SCC and asked that the RSA Board and Orange and Madison Counties promptly provide the SCC with anything additional that they request.

A motion was made by Bowman and seconded by Martin to approve a resolution authorizing the RSA Board Chairman to sign the previously negotiated office lease agreement with Greene County at the appropriate time. Mr. Yowell pointed out that this arrangement had initially been worked out in June 2022 and that it expires at the end of December 2023. This puts RSA in a difficult position, especially as the lease specifically states that no extension will be permitted. RSA is requesting that Greene County reconsider the matter and grant RSA a lease for one year from the date of the asset transfer. Bowman said he would take that request back to the Greene BOS at their next meeting for consideration. On a motion by Bowman, seconded by Yowell, the Board unanimously voted to table the previous motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the lease at the appropriate time until this matter could be addressed.

GM Clemons then gave his report. Work on the Wilderness water treatment plant is continuing, and it should be up and running within the next few months. The design of the Madison water treatment plant is nearly complete, and RSA hopes to place it out for bid in May. GM Clemons had hoped to present the annual audit at this board meeting, but the necessary documentation from the GFOA did not arrive in time. The audit is expected to be presented next month.

Attorney Lynn then reported that she anticipated being able to handle the latest SCC request by sending them a copy of RSA's resolution as it was not included in the original application sent to them. Mr. Yowell indicated that his understanding was that the SCC wanted a 30-day comment period for the proposal and that perhaps Madison and Orange Counties could send the SCC a letter

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stating they had no comment. Ms. Lynn indicated that if the SCC requested anything additional from RSA, she would advise the Board in order to keep the process moving.

On a motion from the Chairman, seconded by Bowman, and passed on a unanimous rollcall vote, the Board went into closed session 2:15 PM to discuss. The Board came out of closed session at 2:32 PM with the Board members individually verbally certifying that only public business matters appropriate to discuss in the closed session had been discussed. A motion was then made by Crozier, seconded by Coppage, as follows: The RSA Board agrees that it is interested in accepting the land located in Wilderness Shores from Tricord and authorizes the RSA General Manager to continue to work with Tricord in effectuating this transfer. The motion was passed unanimously on a rollcall vote. Mr. Crozier thanked Tricord for attending the meeting.

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, Bowman made a motion, seconded by Martin, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote at 2:34 PM.

  
Chairman