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A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on June 20, 2023 at the Orange County Public Safety Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The meeting began with a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Mr. Yowell's wife. Mr. Jackson will be serving in place of Mr. Yowell for this meeting.

A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Members: Bowman, Coppage, Crozier (via phone from New Bern, NC), Frame, Martin (Mr. Jackson attended in place of Mr. Yowell)

Staff: GM Clemons, DO Jarrell, DA Gaskins

After removal of item 7E (an informational hearing on the Wilderness WWTP) from the agenda until it could be scheduled with sufficient advance notice, 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 Bowman, seconded by Martin, the minutes of the May 18, 2023 Board meeting were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

There was no old business.

The proposed slate of officers was then presented. Chairman Frame, Vice Chairman Coppage, Secretary-Treasurer Clemons and Assistant Secretary Gaskins had all agreed to continue serving in their posts. On a motion by Jackson, seconded by Bowman, the Board unanimously agreed on a voice vote to accept the proposed slate of officers for 2023-2024.

There were no public comments or customer requests.

During the opportunity for Board comment, Mr. Jackson asked if the Madison WWTP permit had been obtained yet. GM Clemons explained that it had, and funding sources are being investigated but that at this time RSA is focusing on the necessary work at the Madison water treatment plant as there is a time deadline associated with the funding grant. Mr. Bowman thanked the Board and announced that the Greene County withdrawal is scheduled for June 23. The County is ready to sign the transition documents at the appropriate time. Chairman Frame thanked Mr. Bowman and Mr. Martin for their service on the RSA board.

The proposed water purchase contract with Orange County was then discussed. The current contract provides for the purchase of 30 million gallons per month and is due to expire this year. Due to the loss of a high usage customer, RSA no longer needs to purchase as much water and the new contract would provide for 15 million gallons per month. If the situation changes, the contract can be renegotiated. On a motion by Bowman, seconded by Jackson, the resolution regarding the contract was passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The Route 20 addendum to the water purchase contract was then discussed. RSA has worked with the Town of Orange to provide for Route 20 customers to be serviced through water from the

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Town of Orange. There is already a line that runs to the area although RSA will need to add some infrastructure items. RSA is prepared to do this. If the Town of Orange wishes to add other items solely for its benefit (fire hydrants, etc.), RSA's contractor will do the work, but that portion will be paid for by the Town. RSA will continue using the storage tank in the area although it will cease regular use of the two wells. GM Clemons stated that he believes this is the best option for the future. On a motion by Jackson, seconded by Bowman, the Board voted unanimously on a voice vote to approve the addendum.

GM Clemons then gave his report. He mentioned that Mr. Bowman had already shared an update on the Greene County Withdrawal and then pointed out that there is now an advisory for the area regarding a potential drought. There has been recent rain and GM Clemons hopes that the situation will continue to improve. Water sales through the month of May have been flat, but RSA's expenses have been lower than anticipated and RSA is currently in solid shape financially. Chairman Frame strongly suggested that the Board review the current budget with regard to the effect of Greene County's withdrawal on the Authority.

There was no attorney report. The attorney has been working on new bylaws as well as other updated SCC paperwork necessitated by the withdrawal, and these should be ready at the next Board meeting.

As there was no further business to be brought before the Board, Bowman made a motion, seconded by Jackson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote at 3:15 PM.


Chairman