

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on January 18, 2024 at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Orange, VA.

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

Present:	Members:	Coppage, Elliott, Johnson, Marshall, Voorhees
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, D.O. Jarrell, Jonathan Joyner (notary)
	Guests:	Dave Davies

The first item of business was the election of officers. On a motion by Voorhees, seconded by Marshall, Mark Johnson was unanimously elected chairman on a voice vote. On a motion by Elliott, seconded by the Chairman, Troy Coppage was elected vice-chairman on a unanimous voice vote. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Marshall, and approved on a unanimous voice vote, the Board appointed G.M. Clemons to serve as secretary/treasurer and D.A. Gaskins to serve as assistant secretary.

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

After amending the draft minutes to reflect the fact that Attorney Stefan Calos attended the board meeting virtually, the minutes of the December 21, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Voorhees, seconded by Coppage, and unanimously passed on a voice vote.

There was no old business.

When an opportunity for public comment was presented, Dave Davies from Locust Grove spoke. He said the last board minutes available on the RSA website were from July 2023 and that there was no agenda for any 2024 board meeting. G.M. Clemons apologized that the staff member who posts those items had been out sick for a week and that was why there was no agenda posted. He will ask him to get the minutes postings updated once he is back. G.M. Clemons invited Mr. Davies to contact him if he ever has trouble obtaining a copy of the minutes, and he will be certain to get him a copy.

There were no customer requests and no Board comment.

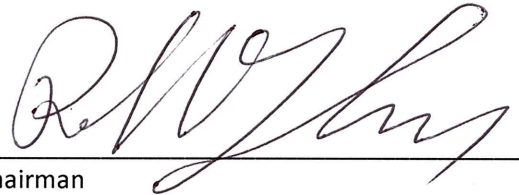
G.M. Clemons then reported that the Town of Gordonsville had executed their end of the water purchase agreement with RSA and he was now bringing it to the RSA board for approval. It is a 15-year contract with one renewable five-year clause. The contract has been reviewed and approved by RSA's attorney, Stefan Calos. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, the contract was accepted on a unanimous voice vote.

G.M. Clemons then gave his report. RSA closed on the building in Madison on January 5 and is now working on the needed renovations. Work should be completed well before RSA needs to leave the Ruckersville office in late June 2024.

G.M. Clemons took the opportunity to clarify that RSA has no plans to turn the Route 20 water system over to the Town of Orange but simply intends to purchase bulk water from them rather than using the

two wells on the system. (The RSA staff member who types the draft board minutes had misunderstood the intention expressed, and G.M. Clemons wanted to be certain that all of the Board members were clear on RSA's plans.) G.M. Clemons also asked that all Board members please turn in their financial disclosure statements if they had not already done so. He stated that RSA was working on the financial end of year and preparing for the annual audit. Mr. Voorhees asked if there was progress regarding a rate study, and G.M. Clemons indicated that an RFP had gone out and there would probably be an update to report at the March meeting. Mr. Elliot asked if work at the Madison water plant had started. G.M. Clemons said that preparations for the work had been made and the actual work should start soon.

There was no attorney report and no closed session needed. On a motion by Coppage, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman