

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on June 18, 2025, at the Madison County Administration Building, Madison, VA.

A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Members:	Coppage, Johnson, Marshall, Voorhees
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, D.O. Jarrell, D.A. Gaskins
	Attorney:	Stefan Calos (via Zoom)
	Guests:	Matthew McLearn, RFC

After the addition of a second item to the Customer Requests section of the agenda, the agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Voorhees, and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting were then approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Voorhees, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There was no old business or public comment.

D.A. Gaskins then presented a request from a Locust Grove customer asking for relief on a high-water bill. Excessive consumption occurred over a three-day period in February, and the customer did not know what caused it. D.A. Gaskins stated that any penalties incurred as a result of the high use would be reversed, and on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to uphold its policy of charging for all water that passes through the meter. G.M. Clemons then presented a letter from a customer regarding sewage back-up during the severe flooding that occurred the previous weekend. She requested that RSA submit her request for a claim to its insurance provider, and GM Clemons agreed to do so.

During the opportunity for comments from the Board, Mr. Voorhees thanked RSA staff for their quick response in getting pump stations up and running again after the flooding of the previous weekend. Mr. Coppage remarked that it seemed that RSA had done everything that could be done.

Matthew McLearn of Robertson, Farmer, Cox Associates then presented the audit report for the year ending December 31, 2024. He briefly went through the formal letter from the firm to the RSA Board of Directors and then through the report itself. He pointed out that there was an additional section of the report this year which was required by RSA's receiving of federal grant funds. There were no deficiencies or problems reported, and Mr. McLearn concluded his presentation by giving an opportunity for questions from the Board. GM Clemons thanked him and RFC for their work on the audit.

G.M. Clemons then presented an addendum to the Route 20 Addendum to Water Purchase Contract. The language of subsection (d) of section 2 was changed slightly to clarify where the Porter Road tank level data would be transmitted, and, more significantly, Section 6 was amended to show that RSA would own

and be responsible for all infrastructure to the east of a dividing line in the vault rather than the vault and its contents being entirely owned by the Town of Orange. On a motion by Voorhees, seconded by Marshall, the proposed changes were approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

G.M. Clemons and D.A. Gaskins then presented a request to the Board to raise the cost of bulk water hauling from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per thousand gallons. The last time that this cost was raised was 2017. Spotsylvania County is charging water haulers \$19.46 per thousand gallons if the water is metered and a minimum fee of \$44.32 plus \$19.46 per thousand gallons if the water is not metered. The Town of Culpeper charges a minimum of \$42.57 plus \$7.26 per thousand gallons over 2000. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Marshall, the Board voted to approve the rate increase on a unanimous roll call vote.

G.M. Clemons then gave his report. He begin with a brief update on the flooding of the previous weekend in Lake of the Woods. The pump station was not damaged as badly as initially feared, and RSA staff worked over the weekend to get the situation under control. The second quarter testing for disinfection by-products is now complete, and all water systems are in compliance. The Madison sewer plant replacement project is out to bid. Six contractors attended the pre-bid conference, and G.M. Clemons hopes for competitive results when bids are opened on June 26. RSA remains in decent financial shape, although the rains have hurt water sales a bit. In response to a question from Mr. Coppage, D.A. Gaskins gave a brief update on the new office construction in Locust Grove. Things are progressing well in spite of the rain, and construction should be completed on time in September.

Attorney Calos then gave an update on the PFAS mass lawsuit settlement that RSA voted to participate in. During the course of that participation, various tests were performed, and RSA's water does not contain PFAS. RSA will be receiving a check for just over \$17,000 to cover costs and may possibly receive future payment as well, but Mr. Calos does not anticipate a large payout.

Mr. Voorhees then commented that some at the DEQ and in the state legislature are concerned about the possibility of transferring PFAS contamination from one area to another through farm applications of biosolids and that there may be upcoming regulation concerning this.

G.M. Clemons then thanked Attorney Calos for his hard work on the PFAS issue and stated that any check that RSA received should be credited to his efforts.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Voorhees, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

  
Chairman