A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on May 21, 2026, at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Orange, 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, Davies, Elliott, Johnson, Marshall
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, M.F.A.S. Franchuck, P.A.M. Stokes
	Attorney:	Stefan Calos
	Guests:	Zach Hipes of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates

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

The minutes of the April 16, 2026, Board meeting were approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Marshall, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The minutes of the April 16, 2026, special Gordonsville rate hearing were approved on a motion by Coppage, seconded by Davies, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There was no old business or public comment.

G.M. Clemons then presented a request from a customer in Lake of the Woods who believes that she should not be required to pay a water and sewer bill for months that she does not use any water. She has been advised of RSA's "temp off" option that costs $50 but allows for the waiver of water and sewer charges while the water is temporarily turned off. It does not eliminate fees related to upgrades made inside the Lake that benefit users and non-users alike, however. G.M. Clemons stated that if the Board decides to do anything, staff recommendation would be to advise the customer to use the "temp off" option if she would like. The Board instructed staff to work with the customer regarding the utilization of the "temp off" option.

There was no Board comment.

Mr. Hipes of Robinson, Farmer, Cox began his presentation of the annual audit by going through the governance letter but was forced to take a break after completing that portion due to the malfunction of the microphone. During the interlude, G.M. Clemons reported on the April 16 Gordonsville rate hearing. On a motion by Davies, seconded by Marshall, on a roll call vote the Board unanimously approved the resolution adopting the Rapidan Service Authority Preliminary Schedule of Proposed Rates that are to apply if and when current Town of Gordonsville customers become Rapidan Service Authority customers.

G.M. Clemons then informed the Board that in response to its May 2025 request, on May 8, 2026, RSA had received an offer from the Virginia Department of Health for funding of the Madison water system. The estimated offer was for $6,038,281 with $1,310,640 of it being principal loan forgiveness not requiring

any repayment. This leaves a loan amount of $4,727,641 with a term of 20 or 30 years. The project would focus on improvements to infrastructure resiliency, adequate capacity, and water quality. RSA has until June 8, 2026, to issue a non-binding acceptance of the offer. RSA had previously been told that it would not qualify for this, so the offer came as a surprise. Upon receiving approval to accept the offer, RSA staff will get in touch with Davenport & Co. to determine the best way to proceed. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Davies, on a roll call vote the Board unanimously authorized RSA staff to accept the offer and work with VDH to get the funding in place.

Mr. Hipes of Robinson, Farmer, Cox then resumed his presentation. There were no deficiencies or concerns noted in the audit report, and, at its conclusion, Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

G.M. Clemons then presented a May 15, 2026, offer from the Virginia Department of Health for the initial part of the Locust Grove GWWIP Phase 2 project to service the Wilderness water system. The offer is for a 20-year loan of $5,566,000 for land acquisition and detailed engineering design. Like the Madison funding offer, this requires a non-binding acceptance of the offer within a month. Board approval would allow staff to begin the necessary administrative duties required to pursue the offer. On a motion by Davies, seconded by Marshall, the Board unanimously agreed on a roll call vote to accept the offer and authorize staff to proceed.

G.M. Clemons then presented the proposed General Manager Employment Agreement for incoming General Manager Jarrell. G.M. Clemons pointed out that the Board Chair and Attorney Calos had been involved in its preparation and could assist in answering any questions the Board may have. The Chairman shared his sorrow that G.M. Clemons was leaving but excitement that Asst. G.M. Jarrell would be coming on in his place and expressed confidence in his ability to do a great job. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliot, the Board voted to accept the agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it on the Board's behalf on a unanimous roll call vote.

G.M. Clemons then gave his report. Despite a recent one-half inch of precipitation, moderate-to-dry conditions persist statewide and as of May 14, 2026, the Northern Piedmont was in a drought-warning status. There is hope for more precipitation soon. RSA's water supply is still fine, but G.M. Clemons wanted to bring the Board up to date. He then went over the April financial sheet. Things are currently a little lean, but water sales should pick up as the weather warms, and RSA is closely monitoring revenue and expenses at present. The current situation is not unusual for this time of year, and G.M. Clemons expects the financial situation to improve later in the year. He then introduced RSA's new public affairs manager, Adriel Stokes. Mr. Stokes is working hard to familiarize himself with RSA, and G.M. Clemons stated that RSA is happy to have him on board.

Mr. Davies then mentioned the recent incidence of discolored water due to flushing at Lake of the Woods. He indicated that Asst. G.M. Jarrell had mentioned possible upcoming plans for unidirectional flushing and asked when that would be. G.M. Clemons indicated that it will probably take approximately four months to complete the planning and that the flushing would probably take place a couple of months later to ensure that RSA had time to notify customers better than previously. Unidirectional flushing would ensure that RSA could clean the system in its entirety. It was pointed out that it would be very helpful to make sure customers know that although sediment in the water is unappealing, it cannot harm them. Mr. Davies also asked about the removal of a concrete pipe and reinforcement of a sewer pipe at the Lake. G.M. Clemons indicated that this is currently under review and would probably be moving forward.

Attorney Calos then gave his report. He has recently received another PFAS check which he will be forwarding to RSA. This check (approximately $5,000) brings the total received in PFAS checks to about $82,000.

The Board went into closed session at 2:44 p.m. after unanimously passing on a voice vote a motion made by Coppage, seconded by Davies, to go into closed session to discuss probable litigation and specific legal matters related thereto.

Upon leaving the closed session at 3:08 p.m., each Board member individually certified that only permissible topics had been discussed during the closed session.

With no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:09 p.m.

Chairman

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEMBERS OF THE RAPIDAN SERVICE AUTHORITY ON MAY 21, 2026

I move that the Board of Members of the Rapidan Service Authority enter into closed session for the following, pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (8), respectively:

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific issues related to the foregoing matter.

Motion by: Coppage

Seconded by: Davies

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upon leaving the closed session and entering back into open session, please state the following:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712(D), (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting by the RSA board. Should any members of the board believe that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements, please so state at this time, prior to the vote, and indicate the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.

I would ask each Board Member to certify that the foregoing requirements were met, by saying "AYE".

Coppage	X
Davies	X
Elliott	X
Johnson	X
Marshall	X

All Board Members certified by saying "AYE", except _____