

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on June 17, 2021 at the Gordon 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, Crozier (Zoom), Frame, Martin, Williams, Yowell
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, MFAS Gaskins, Program Manager Jarrell
	Attorney:	Terry Lynn
	Visitors:	Rob Mangrum, Media

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Martin handed out a written motion that he intended to make during the meeting. In reviewing the motion, Chairman Frame inquired as to whether this information was needed to satisfy VRA requirements. Martin responded no. After starting the meeting, Frame added the item to the agenda as 8G – Information Request by Greene County. A motion for Adoption of Agenda was made by Coppage, seconded by Yowell and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Williams, seconded by Coppage and passed with the following vote: Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Frame aye, Martin aye, Williams aye, Yowell abstain.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. G.M. Clemons informed the Board that the current slate of officers had agreed to serve another term. The officers are as follows: Chairman Lee Frame, Vice-Chairman Troy Coppage, Secretary-Treasurer Tim Clemons, Asst. Secretary Trace Gaskins. With no new nominations from the floor, Yowell made a motion to accept the slate as presented, Crozier seconded and motion passed with the following vote: Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Frame aye, Martin aye, Williams aye, Yowell aye.

G.M. Clemons reported on current Capital Improvement Projects. It was decided to move ahead with the Greene County projects since they have already been approved.

G.M. Clemons reported that water sales are increasing due to the time of year. He also reported that Yowell has been reappointed to the RSA Board by Madison County.

5 yr. permit for Wilderness Sewer plant has been submitted to DEQ for them to review and approve.

The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Madison Sewer plant had been approved by USDA Rural Development. Funding is allocated and the work is beginning to take place on the PER.

GM Clemons asked the Board if it wanted to consider moving the monthly meeting start time to a later time given all that is transpiring with RSA. After some discussion this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Rob Mangrum of Mangrum Consulting & Design presented the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Wilderness Water Plant improvements. The report provides a phased approach for improvements as follows:

Phase I – Provide finished water capacity of 2.5 mgd to meet near term growth. This phase would utilize existing infrastructure as well as add a PALL portable membrane unit to meet the demand. This phase

also provides for rehabilitating the existing river intake system and upgrading the raw water pumping station to match the current 3.0 mgd water withdrawal permit. Phase 1 includes recommendations for new elevated finished water storage tanks in sub areas 2 and 4 as depicted in the Germanna-Wilderness Master Plan for this area. It also includes the construction of a new parallel 12-inch water main along Route 3. The PER recommends that Phase 1 begin immediately with an anticipated 18-month time period to complete. The projected cost range for Phase I is \$2.5 to \$2.9 million dollars.

Phase II – Provide finished water capacity rated at 3.0 mgd by constructing a new water treatment plant on a different site in close proximity to the existing plant. The new site layout would allow the expansion to 6.0 mgd. Phase 2 anticipates utilizing PALL membrane technology providing both redundancy and flexibility for future expansion. In addition to constructing a new water treatment plant, this phase includes additional raw water infrastructure improvements, water distribution system improvements and relocating the portable PALL membrane unit to the new site for redundancy. The PER recommends that the land acquisition of a new water plant site begin immediately, initiate the design portion of the project concurrent with Phase 1 construction and begin Phase 2 construction upon completion of the Phase 1 improvements. The projected cost range for Phase II improvements is \$18.0 to \$21.3 million dollars.

Phase III – Increase the finished water capacity to 6.0 mgd and a long-term water supply strategy utilizing either an off-line reservoir, in-line reservoir or an upstream raw water storage and release reservoir. This strategy should provide drought protection for the 6.0 mgd water treatment plant. The timing for these improvements is dependent on growth in this area requiring additional water supply. The projected cost for Phase III improvements is \$3.75 million dollars (May 2021 basis).

Chairman Frame stated that Orange County was currently reviewing its water master plan and wanted to ensure that the recommendations in the PER would sync with that plan. Crozier asked when Orange County anticipated completing the review of the master water plan. Frame believed that the review will be complete within two months. Crozier commented that it is important to move forward on the review of the water master plan in order to get approval of the Phase II improvements in the near future. Crozier made a motion to approve Phase I, seconded by Frame and passed with the following vote: Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Frame aye, Martin aye, Williams aye, Yowell aye.

Martin brought a motion to the Board requesting information from RSA staff. Prior to making the motion he made numerous comments regarding Greene County's effort to withdraw from RSA, as follows: He stated that Greene had begun communicating with VRA in an effort to gain VRA approval. He further stated that Greene County would like to see all litigation go away and that Greene plans to resolve all of its claims through the withdrawal process and agreement, not through litigation. He said that Greene intended to create its own water authority and would eventually proceed with constructing an impoundment. He requested that Greene have an opportunity at RSA's July 2021 Board meeting to make a presentation regarding Greene's efforts in accomplishing their withdrawal from RSA. Martin then made the motion, seconded by Williams. Chairman Frame stated that some of the requested items are contentious and suggested tabling any vote until RSA's next meeting. Discussion among the RSA Board ensued. Coppage stated that he was not advocating any unnecessary delay but that RSA had been provided a clear path forward that was laid out at the last RSA Board meeting. He believes that we need to stick with that already established path. Chairman Frame noted that Martin had acknowledged the information being requested was not required by VRA as part of Greene's withdrawal effort. Attorney Lynn reminded the Board that VRA is looking for Greene to provide the information specified in its letter from February 24, 2021. Yowell asked what information being requested was subject to FOIA. Attorney

Lynn advised that nothing is subject to FOIA that requires creation. If a document does not currently exist it does not have to be created. She reminded the Board that Chris Kulp, RSA bond counsel, advised at the May 2021 meeting that RSA should wait and let Greene provide the information to VRA that has been requested. Framed stated that he was not in favor of RSA staff having to create documents. G.M. Clemons advised the Board that Greene needs to satisfy VRA, as defined at the last meeting. When VRA asks RSA for information it will be provided to them. Frame again recommended tabling the motion. Crozier seconded Frame's recommendation followed by roll call vote: Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Frame aye, Martin nay, Williams nay, Yowell aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Coppage and seconded by Yowell at 3:24 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman