

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on September 16, 2021 at the Madison County Administration Building, Madison, VA.

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

Members: Coppage, Crozier (via Zoom from New Bern, North Carolina), Frame, Martin, Williams, Yowell  
Staff: G.M. Clemons, MFAS Gaskins  
Attorney: Terry Lynn  
Visitors: Clay Jackson, Jonathan Weakley, Mark Taylor, Steve Grayson, Press

A motion for Adoption of Agenda was made by Coppage, seconded by Yowell and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Crozier, seconded by Williams and passed unanimously.

There was no old business and no public comment.

MFAS Gaskins presented a request from a Lake of the Woods customer asking forgiveness of charges related to a toilet hanging up in their summer home and using 169,000 gallons of water. A motion was made by Coppage, seconded by Yowell, to stand by existing Board policy not to exonerate sewer charges since the water went into the sewer system. The Chairman instructed Gaskins to work with the homeowners on payment arrangements since the leak was so large, and Gaskins indicated that the homeowners would have 24 months to pay off the bill.

G.M. Clemons presented the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (the "PPEA") for consideration as a means for RSA to be able to incorporate innovative financing methods and techniques in future projects. He indicated that he was not looking for immediate approval at this time but wanted to give the Board the opportunity to examine the PPEA for possible use in the future. Meeting the requirements to qualify to use the PPEA would not obligate the Board to actually do so, and both Greene and Orange Counties have already adopted the PPEA. Martin stated that Greene County has adopted this policy and indicated that they have worked on proposals but have not actually consummated a deal as of yet. The Chairman suggested that the discussion be tabled for the present and brought back for future consideration after RSA's attorney has had a chance to do a detailed analysis of the PPEA. A motion to table this was made by Coppage, seconded by Williams, and passed unanimously.

G.M. Clemons presented a resolution authorizing RSA's General Manager, Tim Clemons, and its Attorney, Terry Lynn, Esq., to negotiate on behalf of RSA in any withdrawal agreement with Greene County since the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) has indicated that any conditional consent of Greene County's withdrawal from RSA will require binding mediation between the parties. Martin indicated that Greene County welcomed this resolution although he was not aware

that binding mediation would be required. After further discussion, Yowell made a motion, seconded by Coppage, to approve the resolution and it passed with the following roll call vote: Williams aye, Martin aye, Frame aye, Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Yowell aye.

G.M. Clemons presented an update on the Germanna-Wilderness Water Improvement Plan (G-WWIP) Phase 1. The Phase 1 design is 33% complete and on schedule. There is a potential for significant cost/time savings anticipated due to the capacity of current equipment being able to handle the increased load. Bid documents for plant site upgrades and river intake/pump station upgrades should be ready by the end of October possibly and RSA will be ready to proceed with Phase 2. G.M. Clemons requested the Board's approval to proceed with the following aspects of Phase 2: a) land acquisition; b) selection of an engineer; c) commencement of design; and d) commencement of acquisition of funding. Crozier moved that RSA proceed with Phase 2 and Yowell seconded the motion. It passed with the following roll call vote: Coppage aye, Crozier aye, Frame aye, Martin aye, Williams aye, Yowell aye.

G.M. Clemons brought the General Manager's report, beginning with an update on Capital Improvements followed by the latest financial statement. RSA's finances are in solid shape with revenue up slightly from projected levels.

G.M. Clemons reported to the Board that Cynthia Taylor, West Office Manager for over 30 years, retired in early September. She contributed much to RSA and will be greatly missed.

G.M. Clemons reported that RSA is still being affected by Covid-19 and has had some staff out due to exposure to the virus. In addition, the Virginia Department of Health has changed the requirements regarding the qualifications of operators at water treatment plants, making it necessary for a licensed operator to be present (not just available) whenever a plant is in operation. RSA may need to increase salaries for licensed operators since job postings for such operators over the past year have not netted much response.

Coppage introduced the new Madison County Administrator, Jonathan Weakley.

A motion to adjourn was made by Coppage at 2:30 PM, seconded by Martin and passed unanimously.

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Chairman