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Meeting Minutes NRV Regional Water Authority Board

July 28, 2021

Board / Staff Members Present: William R. Knocke, Marc A. Verniel, Wayne O. Nelson, F. Craig Meadows, Christopher Kiwus, Caleb M. Taylor, Sharon T. Huff, Jim Guynn, Guynn, Waddell, Carroll, & Lockaby

Guests Present: Doug Hudgins, CHA; Paula Moore, Whitman, Requardt, & Associates

Absent:

Location: NRV Regional Water Authority Conference Room

- 1. The meeting convened at approximately 3:04.
- 2. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Board minutes for the Wednesday, May 26, 2021 meeting were reviewed.
 - b. A motion to accept the May 26, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Wayne and seconded by Craig. All were in favor.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:

The June and July financial reports were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. There was some discussion about the financial reports. Craig made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Wayne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Executive Director's Report

- a. <u>Operations Highlights</u>: None at this time.
- b. Metered Consumption:

Caleb provided the water consumption charts as well as the May and June water reports in the Board packet. Water consumption for May was 5.2% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in the month of May. Water consumption for June was 3.6% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in the month of June. Bill was pleased to see how the actual consumption and revenues turned out compared to the budgeted consumption and revenues. Bill complimented Caleb on how well he managed the Authority's finances to put the Authority in such a good standing at year end.

c. Previous and Current Business

i. Water Treatment Plant Modernization:

Caleb updated the Board on how construction is going on the project. There have been several new structures that have started construction as well as work continues on some of the older structures such as the plant, raw water pumping stations and pretreatment building.

Asset Management Study:

The task order has been signed and the study will start in August.

ii. Joinder Project (Plum Creek):

Caleb received the final pay app this week. This will complete this project.

iii. Route 114 and Route 460 Pump Station Evaluation:

The GMP was presented on July 22nd. Caleb will be providing this information to Draper Aden to place in the Authority's rate model. Once Caleb receives some additional data, he will be ready to present this information to the Board.

iv. PFAS:

Sampling is completed and was sent to the state contracted lab for analysis. The results were non-detect on the compounds analyzed. Bill recommended that this information be shared with the Town of Christiansburg given their concerns. Wayne plans to provide this information to Town Council.

v. FY 2023-2028 Rate Evaluation:

Caleb is going to get the June financials along with the GMP data to Draper Aden once everything is complete.

vi. Action Items:

Cyber Security: Caleb had a meeting yesterday with Sunapsys, the SCADA integrator. They are going to do a trial run and set up SCADA with a card system multi-factor authenticator. Employees will receive a card that they must scan to be able to access

SCADA. This will be more than the current two factor authentication. In addition to Authority staff, this will impact how each entity accesses the system as well.

- d. New Business
 - i. FY 2021 Audit:

Field work will begin August 16th and 17th. The report should soon follow.

- 6. Public Comments: None
- 7. Comments from the Board: Bill asked if Caleb would provide a recommendation on how the Authority will be handling Authority staff in regards to vaccination and masks during the pandemic. Jim discussed how employers can enforce this by following OSHA requirements and potential issues if the Authority wanted to do something in addition to OSHA requirements. There was some discussion about what the other entities are doing in terms of vaccinations. Bill asked Caleb to provide a plan of what the Authority was doing with regards to the pandemic.
- 8. Other Business: None
- 9. Caleb gave the Board members a tour of the water plant and the other areas that are under construction.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:26.

Chairman

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