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Caleb M. Taylor, P.E.
Executive Director

Meeting Minutes
NRV Regional Water Authority Board

June 25, 2025

Board / Staff Members Present: Marc A. Verniel, Scot E. Shippee, Angela M. Hill, G.E. Dwyn Taylor (via Microsoft Teams), Caleb M. Taylor, Sharon T. Huff, Jim Guynn, Guynn & Waddell

Guests Present: Eric Anderson, CHA; Stevie Steele, CHA; Austen Hawk, CNA; Lauren Hagy, CNA; Carolyn Howard, Town of Blacksburg

Absent: William R. Knocke

Location: NRV Regional Water Authority Conference Room

1. The meeting was convened at 3:01.
2. Election of Board Officers:
Due to Wayne leaving the Board, there is now an open position to fill the Secretary's role. Angie made a motion to elect Scot as the Board Secretary and the rest of the officers to remain in their current position. Dwyn seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Board minutes for Wednesday, April 16, 2025; meeting was reviewed.
 - b. A motion to accept April 16, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Angie and seconded by Dwyn. All were in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. The April and May financial reports were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. There was some discussion about the financial reports. Angie made a motion to accept the April and May 2025 financial reports provided. Dwyn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Caleb presented the Board with a budget amendment to complete the fiscal year. There was

some discussion about the budget amendment. Angie made a motion to accept the budget amendment as presented. Dwyn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Executive Director's Report:

a. Operations Highlights:

The 2025 EPA and NE AWOP workshop was held at the Authority on May 7, 2025. Bill received a letter from David Dawson with the VDH thanking the Authority for hosting the event.

b. Metered Consumption:

Caleb provided the water consumption charts and the April and May water reports in the Board packet. Water consumption for April was 14.6% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in the month of April. Water consumption for May was 9.82% higher than compared to the past five years' consumption in May.

c. Previous and Current Business:

i. After Action Report:

CHA and CNA presented to the Board with a presentation on the After-Action Report that was completed on the Authority's response to Hurricane Helene. There was a discussion about the presentation.

ii. FY 2024-2025 Audit:

Preliminary audit fieldwork has begun. Field work is scheduled for August 26th and 27th.

iii. Action Items:

1. Solar Energy Array at NRVRWA

Caleb met Alan Cummings at MRSWA and discussed the MRSWA solar energy project with him. Caleb discussed the current Authority's solar energy with Alan. Caleb also discussed the future growth of the Authority, and the field next to the administration is the best available site for that expansion. Caleb indicated that pursuing solar power would require a new Special Use Permit and would require a public hearing and comment period with Montgomery County. Caleb said the current company that VT, MRSWA, and Town of Christiansburg are contracted with has been acquired by TerraForm Power (Brookfield Asset Management, a large company). Caleb recommended to the Board that the Authority not pursue solar at this time. Everyone was in agreement.

2. Small Capital Project: Dredging of the Polishing Pond:

Caleb indicated to the Board that the large polishing pond outback needs to be dredged again. This pond was last dredged in 2014. Since then, solids have settled in the pond. The aerators are not able to fully aerate the water. This causes algae growth which increases pH. If the pH exceeds 9, there is the potential for violation of the discharge permit. Since the plant has been upgraded, the pond needs to be dredged to get the ecosystem back to a level where the Authority can obtain a general permit from DEQ. Caleb anticipates the cost to dredge the pond to be approximately \$500,000. Caleb will be placing the project out for bid.

d. New Business:

None

6. Public Comment Period: None

7. Comments from the Board: None

8. Other Business: Caleb is going to have Jim update the personnel policy manual to include all state recognized holidays and update any employment law updates.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:45.



Chairman



Secretary