



Henry County Water Authority

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 14, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Members of the Board: Cletonya LaGrand, Chair; Sandra Rozier, Vice Chair; Siddiqa Gibson, Secretary; Jimmy Carter, Warren Holder, Fred Mays

Authority Staff: Tony V. Carnell, General Manager; Kim Osborne, Clerk; Karen Lake-Thompson, Deputy Clerk; Division Managers: Scott Sage, Engineering; Pat Hembree, Water & Wastewater

Authority Counsel: Andy Welch, Smith, Welch Webb & White (departed the meeting at 10:32 a.m.)

Consultants: Mr. David Key, Carl Vinson Institute of Government/UGA

Visitors: None

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Chair LaGrand called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. INVOCATION Mr. Fred Mays gave the invocation.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Carter to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried (4/0). Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Rozier joined the meeting immediately following.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT None

5. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

- Request for Exemption from Stormwater Fees

Mr. Welch presented for the Board's consideration a resolution to request the Henry County Board of Commissioners to amend its stormwater ordinance to provide for exemptions for the Authority from the payment of stormwater fees on certain of its facilities. He advised that the Authority has been in long term discussions with the BOC concerning the payment of stormwater fees. He stated that the Authority has requested a similar exemption as the county takes for its roads, with the exception of the Authority's main campus. The Authority will continue to pay stormwater fees on that facility. Upon approval, the resolution will be sent to the BOC as a recommendation from the Authority's Board.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Rozier to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 requesting Henry County BOC to amend its Stormwater Management

Utility Ordinance in order to provide an exemption to the Authority from stormwater fees for the impervious surface areas resulting from or created by Authority facilities. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously (6/0).

- Intergovernmental Agreement between HCWA and Henry County – Continuation of Operation/Maintenance of Watershed Protection Plan for Henry County

Mr. Welch addressed the Board concerning the renewal of an existing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Henry County Board of Commissioners for watershed monitoring. He explained the partnership between the County and the Authority. He also noted that the EPD as well as the Authority's wastewater permits require it to monitor streams throughout the county. This renewal will increase the term of the agreement to the year 2040 with options for renewal.

Following discussion, Mr. Welch recommended the Board take action to approve Resolution No. 2022-03 authorizing the execution of the Stormwater Intergovernmental Agreement between Henry County and the Authority for the continuation of the Authority's operations and maintenance of the County's Watershed Protection Plan. Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mrs. Gibson to adopt Resolution No. 2022-03 as presented by Mr. Welch. There was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously (6/0).

6. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

- Mr. Carnell reminded the Board of the upcoming annual retreat on May 19th at the Tussahaw Water Treatment Facility, and reviewed topics to be discussed. Chair LaGrand mentioned that the meeting could be held at the Walnut Creek Water Reclamation Facility as an alternate location. It was a consensus of the Board to meet at Tussahaw.
- Mr. Carnell referred the Board to JWA's public relations report included in the agenda packet.

Upcoming Events: Citizens Academy, Shred Day, Retirement of Claudia Cooper, Kids Fishing Day at Cubihatcha. The Authority will also be attending the Community Fishing Day at Nash Farm and will have a table with information and opportunities at the Authority.

7. PROJECTS and ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Hembree gave a brief explanation of the budget adjustment request concerning the Big Cotton Indian Creek VFD upgrade project. Mr. Sage reviewed the budget adjustment concerning the Hampton Woods Sewer Extension. Following discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the following budget adjustments:

EXT2687B Big Cotton Indian Creek – VFD Upgrade
EXT3760 Hampton Wood Sewer Ext.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously (6/0).

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR & EXECUTION SESSION March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Mays to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 10, 2022. There was no discussion, and the motion carried (6/0).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION None

10. ORIENTATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Board took a brief recess at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. David Key of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government facilitated a training session for the Board with a focus on Code of Ethics, Communication, Strategic Planning, Goals and Objectives and Identification of Focus Areas. Mr. Carnell also discussed his priorities for the Authority. The session concluded at 1:45 p.m.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. The motion carried.

Cletonya LaGrand, Chair

Kim Osborne, Clerk