



## Henry County Water Authority

### BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 3, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

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

Authority Staff: Tony V. Carnell, General Manager; Kim Osborne, Clerk; Karen Lake-Thompson, Deputy Clerk; Alton Head; Johnny Basler

Authority Counsel: Andy Welch, Smith, Welch Webb & White; Ted Meeker, Sumner Meeker

Public Relations: Chris Wood, PhD, JWA Public Relations

Visitors: Mr. Wes Echols, Mr. Charles Jackson

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/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Pastor Alton Head, Senior Pastor of Word of Life Christian Ministry, gave the invocation. Following the invocation, Mr. Carnell introduced Mr. Head, noting that he is not only a pastor but also an Authority employee. He stated that Mr. Head recently received the Authority's General Manager Award for his outstanding service to the Authority and to his community.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Holder to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried (6/0).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wes Echols addressed the Board to express interest in purchasing 100+ acres of property owned by the Authority near its Walnut Creek facility on North Ola Road. Mr. Echols advised this property lies adjacent to his family property. A map was shown identifying the area of interest. Mr. Echols stated that the property is landlocked with no access except from his family's property. Chair LaGrand referred the matter to Mr. Carnell for follow-up.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair LaGrand advised that an Executive Session will be held in order to discuss pending litigation matters. Mr. Carnell stated a property matter will also need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Mays to enter into Executive Session for the purposes stated. The motion carried unanimously (6/0) and the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:41 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:12 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Carter that no appeal be filed concerning the judgment entered by Judge Veal in the Emson matter. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Motion was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Mays to return to Executive Session at 9:14 a.m. for the discussion of property matters. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:28 a.m.

6. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

GDOT Commercial Vehicle Lane Project

Mr. Welch addressed the Board concerning the GDOT Commercial Vehicle Lanes Project (from I-475 to Henry County). He advised that GDOT has contacted Authority staff to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding for the relocation and payment of costs concerning the relocation of the Authority's utilities which will be affected by the project. Mr. Welch advised that he, along with Authority staff, has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and he recommends the Board take action to adopt Resolution 2022-01 authorizing the execution of the agreement. Chair LaGrand requested clarification that GDOT will reimburse the Authority for costs associated with utility relocation. Mr. Welch confirmed and noted that the Authority's options are outlined in the proposed MOU. Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Mays to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT and to adopt Resolution 2022-01 authorizing the execution thereof. Chair LaGrand, Mrs. Rozier, and Messrs. Carter, Holder and Mays voted in favor. Mrs. Gibson was not present when the vote was called. The motion carried (5/0).

7. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

- Carl Vinson Institute of Government Training Session

Mr. Carnell advised that the Carl Vinson Institute of Training has been contacted to provide a training session for the Authority's Board. He suggested the session be scheduled immediately following the Board's regular meeting on April 14, 2022, with both being held at the Tussahaw Water Treatment facility. Members of the Board were in agreement. Chair LaGrand noted the training session will last until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Carnell will provide additional information to the Board at its March meeting concerning the topics that will be covered.

Mr. Carnell also noted that the Board's annual work session is scheduled for May 19, 2022. He requested the Board consider topics for discussion. He noted primary topics will include discussion of the FY23 budget, surplus property, and rate study.

- Retirement Reception for Mr. Farmer

The Board discussed rescheduling Mr. Farmer's retirement reception. Mr. Carnell suggested a target date of March 10<sup>th</sup> since the Board will be assembled on that date for its regular meeting. The Board was in agreement, pending discussion with Mr. Farmer to confirm that he and his family are available on that date.

- Henry County Chamber of Commerce Awards/Reception

Mr. Carnell advised that the Henry County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Reception will be held on February 11, 2022. Members of the Board were invited to attend.

- Public Relations Report

Dr. Chris Wood reported concerning media relations matters. He reviewed news releases that had received recent coverage, as well as those stories that are upcoming for distribution.

8. PROJECTS and ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Carnell reviewed current projects giving a brief explanation of each. There was no further discussion and a motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the projects as presented. The motion carried (5/0). Chair LaGrand, Mrs. Rozier, Messrs. Carter, Holder and Mays voted in favor. Mrs. Gibson was not present when the vote was called.)

New Projects (Authority):	EXT3779	165 S. Mount Carmel Rd W/L Ext.
	EXT 3781	717 Mill Road W/L Ext.
	EXT3784	Upper Reeves Creek Sewer Ext. (Design)

Developer Projects: NONE

Budget Adjustments: NONE

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR & EXECUTION SESSION January 13, 2022  
Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Board

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Rozier to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held of the January 13, 2022. There was no discussion, and the motion carried (5/0). All members voted in favor with the exception of Mrs. Gibson who was not present when the vote was called.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Mays to approve the minutes of Executive Session held on January 13, 2022. The motion carried (5/0) with all members voting in favor with the exception of Mrs. Gibson who was not present when the vote was called.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Carter to authorize the Chairman to execute the Affidavit concerning Executive Session matters and to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. The motion carried (6/0).

Cletonya LaGrand, Chair

Minutes Recorded By:

Kim Osborne, Clerk