



Henry County Water Authority

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 13, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

Members of the Board: Cletonya LaGrand, Sandra Rozier, Siddiqa Gibson, Fred Mays,
Jimmy Carter and Warren Holder

Staff: Tony Carnell, Kim Osborne, Karen Lake-Thompson

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

1. CALL TO ORDER Chair LaGrand called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. VISITORS Reverend Charles Jackson, Retired, Mt. Bethel UMC
3. INVOCATION Mr. Carnell introduced Reverend Jackson who gave the invocation.
4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended so that Item “12. Executive Session” followed “Item 6. Appointments.” Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Gibson to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried (6/0).

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman:

Mr. Welch explained the process for nominating candidates to fill the Board’s officer positions for 2022. He then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chair. Mrs. Rozier nominated Cletonya LaGrand to serve as Chair this year, and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Gibson. There being no further nominations, Mr. Welch called for a vote to affirm said nomination. All members voted in favor (6/0).

Chair LaGrand facilitated nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary.

- Vice Chairman

Chair LaGrand nominated Mrs. Rozier to serve as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Gibson. The nomination was affirmed with all members voting in favor (6/0).

- Secretary

Mrs. Rozier nominated Mrs. Gibson for the office of Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Mays and affirmed with all members voting in favor (6/0).

6. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK and DEPUTY CLERK

Mr. Carter nominated Mrs. Osborne for the position of Clerk. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Rozier and carried (6/0). Mrs. Rozier nominated Karen Lake-Thompson for the position of Deputy Clerk. Mr. Mays seconded the nomination and it carried (6/0).

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair LaGrand opened the floor for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions with counsel concerning litigation matters. Mr. Holder advised that he would like to include discussion of a personnel matter. Motion was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Holder to enter into Executive Session at 8:42 a.m. for the purposes stated. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:37 a.m.

Mr. Holder requested that the agenda be amended in order to include discussion of an honorarium for Mr. Farmer. Chair LaGrand called for a motion to approve the requested amendment. The motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Carter to amend the agenda as stated. The motion carried (6/0).

Mr. Holder noted that in previous meetings the Board discussed options to honor Mr. Farmer's service to the Authority by possibly dedicating a facility in his name. He questioned if there were any reasons why the Board should not move forward. Mrs. Gibson noted that a plaque and other options were discussed. Chair LaGrand stated that the plaque has already been received. Mr. Welch advised that Mr. Farmer had expressed interest in being remembered in a more permanent way and that the Board had previously discussed dedicating either the Tussahaw Reservoir or the HCWA Admin Building in Mr. Farmer's honor. Mr. Holder asked if there was any reason why the Board should not consider one of these options so that the presentation can be made at Mr. Farmer's reception. There being no discussion by the Board, Chair LaGrand yielded the floor to Mr. Carnell for further discussion. Mr. Carnell stated that Mr. Farmer had done a lot for him over the years. He noted Lindy's 40 years of service to the Authority and stated that he deserves to have something named after him. However, he stated that if the Board was expecting him to make a recommendation on a dedication, that he could not do that at this time for reasons stated. He also stated that if the Board chose to move forward with a dedication to Mr. Farmer, he would not oppose. Mr. Holder stated that the matter is a decision for the Board and that he will table the request at this time. He did request that future discussion concerning rescheduling Mr. Farmer's retirement reception be held during a Board meeting. Mr. Carnell noted that the reception scheduled for December 29th was cancelled due to the significant increase in COVID cases. He stated that after speaking to both Chair LaGrand and Mr. Farmer, it was agreed to postpone.

8. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Welch advised that he had no matters on which to report.

9. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

- Status of Customer Survey:

Mr. Carnell reported concerning the status of the Customer Survey. He advised that the survey is going out and staff will review customer responses to see how we can make improvements in our services.

- Recommendation to Surplus Authority Assets:

The Board took action to approve the surplus of furniture and other items as recommended by staff. The items will be listed for sale on GovDeals.com. Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Carter to authorize the sale of the items presented. The motion carried (6/0).

10. PROJECTS and ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Carnell presented the following projects for approval by the Board and noted that they are in compliance with Authority policy. There were no questions from the Board.

New Projects: EXT3613B 154 & 158 Laney Drive W/L Ext.

Motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Holder to approve Project EXT3613B. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Developer Projects: DEV1514 Farris Dr. Commercial
 DEV3630 The Landing Townhomes
 DEV3651 South Point Townhomes
 DEV3685 Declarations Phase III

Motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Mays to approve Developer Projects as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Budget Adjustments: There were no budget adjustments.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 18, 2021 (Executive Session) & December 9, 2021

Motion was made by Mrs. Rozier and seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

Motion was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Mays to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously (6/0).

12. NEW BUSINESS NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT/APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Motion was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Holder to authorize Chair LaGrand to execute the Affidavit concerning Executive Session matters; and to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. The motion carried (6/0).

Cletonya LaGrand, Chair

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Kim Osborne, Clerk