## JAMES RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FLUVANNA COUNTY LIBRARY, 214 COMMONS BLVD. PALMYRA, VIRGINIA AUGUST 11, 2021 9:00 A.M.

**Present**: D. D. Watson (Chairman), Mark Dunning (Vice Chairman), Joe Chesser (Treasurer), Eric Dahl, and Christian Goodwin

Absent: Troy Wade

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Watson called the meeting of the James River Water Authority (JRWA) Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m., and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Dahl requested the addition of a bill for audit services and Mr. Chesser requested consideration of a bank service charge for checks. On the motion of Mr. Chesser, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the agenda was adopted.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments made by the public.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Dahl, seconded by Mr. Dunning, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chesser reviewed the bills as presented in the board's packet, noting the addition of a bank charge of \$36.96 for new checks. Mr. Dahl requested that the Board approve a bill from Robinson Farmer Cox Associates for FY20 audit services in the amount of \$3,100. On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Dahl, which passed by a vote of 5-0, the report and bills were approved.

#### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **COE Permit Update**

The Board received an update from Justin Curtis on the Corps of Engineers (COE) permit process. Survey activity for the cultural resources study is in progress, and both shovel testing and coring will be complete by the end of the week. Initial results are being evaluated and an interim report will be reviewed with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the Monacan Indians in order to determine the location of deep test trenches, which comprise the last phase of the testing process. Though some items have been found, they are relatively low significance and their discovery was expected given the historical location of civilizations near waterways. No indications of burials at the site or route have been found to date.

From schedule standpoint, the process is slightly behind the schedule contemplated at the project's outset, according to Mr. Curtis. Preliminary reports are now expected in October with issuance of a final report in November.

Mr. Dunning asked if the JRWA would be pursuing an accelerated permit, and Mr. Curtis responded that if this location is selected by the Board, the project should qualify for a nationwide permit under the COE regulations. He noted that the new location will also require new/modified permits from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality. Neither agency has not issued final decision on new versus modified permits, but both have been receptive to discussions of a potential modified permit route pending further details.

Mr. Dahl noted the need for a Special Use Permit from Fluvanna, and Mr. Curtis stated that this could happen concurrently, along with some other less impactful permits from entities such as VDOT and the railroad. Mr. Chesser asked about additional railroad impacts, and Mr. Curtis stated that Timmons would be working to ensure compliance with their requirements.

Mr. Watson asked when construction might commence. Mr. Curtis stated that a site decision would likely be ready for consideration in December, at which point permit processes could get underway. The COE timeline for nationwide permits is typically 120 days, while modifying the DEQ permit could require technical analysis that could delay the process. He stated that construction in late 2022 or early 2023 is possible.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

(none)

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

(none)

# **CLOSED SESSION**

(none)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr. Dahl, seconded by Mr. Dunning, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

# BY ORDER OF:

## D.D. WATSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS JAMES RIVER WATER AUTHORITY