

**JAMES RIVER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FLUVANNA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
PALMYRA, VIRGINIA
May 10, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

Present: D. D. Watson (Chairman), Eric Anderson (Vice Chairman), Joe Chesser (Treasurer), Eric Dahl, Christian Goodwin

Absent: Eric Purcell

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 discussion on officer elections. On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Chesser, the agenda was adopted as amended by a vote of 5-0.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

(none)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dahl, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the meeting minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Chesser briefed the Board on the bills put forward for consideration, including the bill for ratification and an additional bill from Faulconer Construction which was included in the amended packet. On the motion of Mr. Dahl, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the bills, included those added and ratified, were approved for payment by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Discussion – Project Status Update

Justin Curtis of Aqualaw provided a permit status update. He reminded the JRWA that a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission would no longer be required after July 1, 2023. The draft of the Department of Environmental Quality permit has been prepared and is being slightly updated to account for minor design shifts which may be necessary. After the draft is finalized, the JRWA will publicize it for 30 days, after which it will be issued by the Department. Regarding the Corps of Engineers permit, the process has been assigned to a manager at the Corps

with expertise in the Section 106 process. Project representatives will meet with that staff member in the near future to ensure that the agency has what it needs, and the process is expected to move forward smoothly.

Joe Modica with MBP reported that preliminary plans, a draft statement of values, and documentation for the CSX rail crossing are being finalized. Also, a grant application for project funding has been submitted to the Department of Health, who is working with the Virginia Resources Authority to consider project funding assistance. A discussion of timing and cashflow requirements ensued. Mr. Dahl reported that with accrued interest, the JRWA has roughly \$4.6M in available proceeds, and that Phase 3 efforts are expected to require a significant amount of that funding.

Discussion – Officer Elections

Mr. Brendan Hefty of Hefty, Wiley and Gore reminded the JRWA that officer elections occur every July, and reported that Mr. Chesser is interested in stepping down from his role as Treasurer. The JRWA discussion options and audit requirements to ensure adequate fiscal controls, and thanked Mr. Chesser for his longstanding service.

ACTION ITEMS

FY24 Budget Adoption

Mr. Dahl reviewed the proposed budget for the JRWA’s consideration, stating that it was primarily service costs and debt service, and that the total had decreased slightly from the prior year. Mr. Anderson asked about vehicle liability, and Mr. Dahl reported that it was required as part of the JRWA’s overall liability coverage. Mr. Anderson also asked about accrued interest, and Mr. Dahl responded that it was maintained as part of VRA’s funds until drawn down for use on the capital portion of the project costs.

CONSENT AGENDA

(none)

CLOSED SESSION

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Chesser, seconded by Mr. Dahl, which carried by a vote of 4-0, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

BY ORDER OF:

D.D. WATSON, CHAIRMAN

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