

Maury Service Authority

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Tuesday March 19, 2018

The Special meeting of the Maury Service Authority Board of Directors was held in the board room of the Water Treatment Plant. In attendance were Chairman Capt. Ned Riester, Board members Mr. John Higgins; Mr. George Graves, Mr. J.D. Goad, and Mr. Jimmy Carter. Also in attendance was Jerry Higgins, MSA Ex. Director; Mr. Jeff Martone, Lexington Public Works Director; Mrs. Melissa Alexander, EX. Director, Rockbridge Co. Public Service Authority; Mrs. Megan Tomlin, PSA Business Manager; and Mrs. Sandra Stewart, Rockbridge Area Conservation Council.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Prior to Chairman Riesters' arrival John Higgins, MSA Vice – Chair called the Special meeting to order at 12:15pm.

1. Construction at Kendal – Jerry explained that he was recently made aware that a construction project is about to begin on the Kendal property. He borrowed a copy of the preliminary drawings for the project. He pointed out to the Board members two areas in the construction zone where a new roadway would cross our transmission waterline. In one area the contractor is to excavate some cover over our waterline. He wants to find out if there will still be at least 3 feet of cover over the line. Secondly there is an area where the contractor is going to fill in over a portion of our waterline with another 10 feet of soil. He wants to ensure that this portion of the roadway is temporary. Otherwise our line will be at least 15 feet deep which makes maintenance of that portion of the waterline nearly impossible. Jerry will be looking into this project further in the near future.
2. Resolution to advertise the new water and sewer rates- Jerry noted that he overlooked the required resolution the Board would normally have voted on at the last Board

meeting. Mr. Carter made the motion to adopt the resolution, Mr. Higgins seconded. Motion Passed. The Resolution reads as follows:

“Be it resolved that the Maury Service Authority Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director, as required by Code, to publish the proposed water rates changing the wholesale rate from \$2.60 to \$2.72 per 1,000 gallons, the sewerage wholesale rate for treatment from \$5.13 to \$5.33 per 1,000 gallons, the wholesale septage rate from \$76.95 to \$79.95, the Leachate rate from \$5.64 to \$5.86 per 1,000 gallons, and announce the Public Hearing on March 27th at 5pm at the Water Treatment Plant Board room to hear comments on the subject rates.”

3. Recent letter from DEQ regarding the WQIF Grant Agreement of June 2007- Jerry received a certified letter from DEQ dated 1 March 2018 on Thursday afternoon (15 March) stating that MSA was in violation of the subject agreement for the Total Phosphorus annual average and fining MSA in the amount of \$25,104. That same agreement established a limit for Total Nitrogen but MSA did not exceed that limit.

No one at MSA was aware of such limits and as far as anyone now at MSA is aware, there has not been any communication with DEQ regarding this agreement since 2007. In fact, the monthly DEQ report (DMR) states that for Phosphorus and Nitrogen there is no concentration limit for either one.

After much discussion it was decided that Jerry should petition DEQ for some relief from this fine due to there not being any communication on this subject since 2007 and that there was one month (April 2017) that caused MSA to exceed the limit. Additionally, he was authorized to contact Aqua Law to determine if there is any other recourse available. Jerry agreed to research this subject further and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

4. Vote on the candidates for the Executive Director position – In order to discuss the interview performance of each of the three candidates interviewed the Board decided to go into Closed Session.

Chairman Riester asked for a motion to go into a Closed Meeting.

Mr. Carter moved that the Board go into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Chapter 2.2-3711 Code of Virginia Paragraph (1) to discuss employment of a public employee.

Mr. Higgins seconded. Motion passed. The Board entered into a Closed Session.

The Board invited Jeff Martone, Melissa Alexander, and Megan Tomlin to remain for the Closed Session.

Following the discussion in the Closed Session the Chairman asked for a motion to end the Closed Session and return to the Regular Session.

Mr. Carter made that motion and Mr. Higgins seconded. Motion passed.

The Chairman then requested a motion to certify the Closed Session.

Mr. Carter moved that the Closed Session be certified. Mr. Higgins seconded.

The votes were as follows:

Mr. Riester - Aye

Mr. Graves – Aye

Mr. Higgins – Aye

Mr. Carter – Aye

Mr. Goad – Aye

Mr. Higgins moved that the Board vote to make a tentative offer of the Executive Director position to Mr. Jordan Combs. The motion passed.

The Board then requested Chairman Riester to negotiate a salary and benefits agreement with Mr. Combs and report the results back to the Board at the March 27 meeting for their approval.

5. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday March 27, 2018.
6. Meeting Adjourned 1:15pm

Chairman

Executive Director