

**Minutes**  
**MCRWASA Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**July 27, 2017**

The Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWASA) Board of Directors met for its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the MCRWASA Water Treatment Plant Building, 1001 Park Street, Williamston, NC.

**ASSEMBLY**

Members present: Vice Chairman Al Chesson, Board Director Hilton Keel, Board Director Tommy Bowen (alternate), Board Director Junious Horton (alternate), Secretary Marion Thompson and Treasurer/Deputy Secretary Cindy Ange.

Chairman David Bone and Board Director Julius Patrick were not in attendance.

Others present: Martin County: Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr.; SUEZ: Project Manager Joe Thaxton and Senior O & M Technician Eddie Bristow; Town of Williamston: Water System Operator Gary Barmer.

Vice Chairman Chesson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Director Bowen made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a SECOND by Director Keel. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 25, 2017, Regular Session – Amended; June 22, 2017 Regular Session

Director Keel made a MOTION to approve the minutes as presented, with a SECOND by Director Bowen. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Annual Board Officer Elections**

Vice Chairman Chesson stated the MCRWASA By-Laws require the annual elections of Board Officers in the month of July. The following officers were up for election: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Secretary.

Director Keel MOTIONED to continue with the current slate of officers: Chairman, Mr. David Bone; Vice Chairman, Mr. Al Chesson; Secretary, Ms. Marion Thompson; Treasurer/Deputy Secretary, Ms. Cindy Ange and Deputy Secretary, Ms. Christina Craft. Director Bowen SECONDED the motion. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

## Budget Amendment #1

The MCRWASA Board approved Change Order #12, with a non-to-exceed amount of \$45,000, during its June 22, 2017. Budget Amendment #1 would appropriate funds for Suez Change Order #12, which would involve work to address the turbidity issue at MCRWASA Well #1.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority that the following amendments be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Section 1. To amend the Operating Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows.

	Increase	Decrease
Contracted Services	\$ 45,000	

This will result in an increase of \$45,000 in the expenditures of the Operating Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Fund Balance Appropriation	\$ 45,000
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Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Finance Officer for their direction.

MOTION by Director Bowen and SECONDED by Director Keel to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

## INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

### Switch Back to Chloramines as a Disinfectant

Chloramines are an effective disinfectant used to reduce the level of byproducts regulated by the US Environmental Protection Agency. State drinking water guidelines recommend water systems using chloramines periodically switch back to free chlorine (chlorine alone) for a period. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year.

Project Manager Joe Thaxton stated while the use of chlorine as a disinfectant had been expected to run through July 14, 2017, the time was extended to allow for more flushing. The extension was expected to continue for about two to three weeks. There were issues with some discoloration to the water. The water was tested for iron content, and large amounts were not revealed.

## **Update on Work at MCRWASA Well #1**

At the MCRWASA June 22, 2017 meeting, the Board of Directors approved an estimate for a second phase of work to address the turbidity issue at MCRWASA Well #1 by passage of Change Order #12, with a non-to-exceed amount of \$45,000.

The parts have been ordered. Maggette, the contractor, expected to begin work in late July and complete in August.

Project Manager Joe Thaxton reported the Martin County Water District #1 SCADA system had been hit by lightning on July 5, 2017, causing major damage. It would likely take several weeks to repair the SCADA system. In the meantime, MCRWASA Well #1 was being used as a source of water for Martin County Water District #1 customers. The well was being flushed prior to any water being placed into the system, as a measure to control the turbidity issue. Without the SCADA system operating, the well and system operations was being handled manually.

## **Monthly Report from Suez**

Project Manager Joe Thaxton provided the following plant status review of projects currently in progress or completed, for the month of June 2017:

1. On June 12, 2017, MCRWASA, the Town of Williamston, and the Water Districts started the burnout of chlorine from the distribution system; originally, set to end on July 21, 2017; extended at client's request.
2. Completed annual wastewater State inspection; Board Chairman emailed results to Board Directors.
3. Awaiting unit for Change Order #11 for High Service HVAC.
4. County started using MCRWASA Well #1 with failure of Hassel Well system, due to lightning; County manually blowing off the well before putting into service.
5. Change Order #12 for MCRWASA Well #1 additions underway consisting of the addition of the blow off valve and check valve, due the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August 2017; addition of level detector in well casing; and the SCADA program to control valve, chlorine pumps, security.
6. Started the addition of copper sulfate for algae control in the raw water reservoir by adding new samples in the process lab to ensure levels are below State and EPA requirements.
7. Working on Change Order #13 for Clear well vent security modification.

Project Manager Joe Thaxton was pleased to report the Maintenance CAP cost (\$88,710.19) was under revised budget (\$90,000) for FY 2016-17.

Project Manager Joe Thaxton stated Senior O & M Technician Bristow had obtained his A-Surface Water certification.

Director Keel asked whether the alarm system was still signaling a false alarm. Project Manager Thaxton responded “yes”, and the engineer does not currently have a solution to address the issue. Adding, the system is still under warranty. Project Manager Thaxton commented the Fire Marshal stated there would be charges for future false alarms, should the same issue continue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Chesson adjourned the meeting around 3:48 p.m. The next regular meeting for the MCRWASA would be Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

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Al Chesson, Vice Chairman

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Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC  
MCRWASA Secretary