

Minutes
MCRWASA Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 23, 2018

The Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWASA) Board of Directors met for its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 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 Stacy Stalls, Board Director William Coffield (alternate), Board Director Julius Patrick and Secretary Christina Craft.

Chairman David Bone and Board Director Tommy Bowen (alternate) were not in attendance.

Others present: Martin County: Treasurer/Deputy Secretary Cindy Ange, Martin County Clerk Marian Thompson, Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr., Water District Manager Ed Warren and Deputy Secretary Jessica Godard; Town of Williamston: Water System Operator Gary Barner; SUEZ: Project Manager Joe Thaxton and Senior O & M Technician Eddie Bristow.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Stalls made a MOTION to approve the agenda, with a SECOND by Director Patrick. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2018 Regular Session

Director Patrick made a MOTION to approve the minutes with the correction under “Update on MCRWASA Well #1,” paragraph two to list of Project Manager Thaxton instead of Project Manager Warren and to state the pump was capable of 250 GPM instead of 250 lbs, with a SECOND by Director Stalls. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

BUSINESS ITEMS - None

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Joint Grant Application between the Town of Williamston and Martin County to Review Opportunities for Water Utility Merger

Vice Chairman Chesson reported that the Town of Williamston and Martin County are taking advantage of an opportunity to submit a regionalization/merger grant application this fall to the State Division of Water Infrastructure. The grant application involves a feasibility study to

review of opportunities to consolidate water utilities. The feasibility study would simply evaluate the opportunity and provide an analysis of options on how to move forward if both jurisdictions choose to do so. McGill has begun working on the grant application to be submitted in September with the grant award to be announced in January 2019.

Ongoing Discussions with the State Concerning Financial Challenges of MCRWASA Debt

Vice Chair Chesson reported that Chairman Bone and he met with members of the Legislature and their staff to solicit help with debt relief and possible grants in June. Chairman Bone revisited the Legislature in August. He has received a phone call from USDA stating the interest on loans are higher at this time and USDA was unable to provide any assistance. Unless there is an appropriation in the General Assembly, MCRWASA must continue with the current debt payments.

Temporary Adjustment to Chlorine Disinfectant in Water Treatment

Project Manager Thaxton reported the water treatment went back to chlorination on August 13th. Water System Operator Barner reported the Town has finished the flushing project. Water District Manager Warren plans to flush Bailey from town to Ed's Grocery next week. This should bring the plant into normal operations throughout District 2 and the Town. Project Manager Thaxton contributed the lack of customer complaints to the super flushing performed by the Town prior to the change in disinfectants.

Update on MCRWASA Well #1 and Update on Well Turbidity Analyzer

Project Manager Thaxton reported the turbidity analyzer change order was completed on August 15th. Hach was present for the normal 3-month inspection and also inspected the turbidity analyzer while on site. No difficulties have been noted with the installation of the turbidity analyzer. If turbidity level goes over 5, the water will spill on the ground, and the Hassell well will take over. The chlorine is automatically shut-off when the water spills onto the ground. The program will prevent the pumping of cloudy water into the system. Water District Manager Warren expressed concern that the blow-off time may be too long. Project Manager Thaxton reported that the blow-off time is set to 30 minutes. The flexibility of the program is handled at the MCRWASA plant.

Monthly Report from SUEZ

Project Manager Thaxton reported the following maintenance items:

- The Annual Report was presented. The spike of water usage in January was due to freezing pipes and the May spike was due to flushing. Weather conditions have an effect on whether the Town and County use their daily allotments.
- July allotments for the Town decreased due to the closing of Parkdale Mills. The flushing performed by the Town in July was deducted from the Town's allotment.
- There were many locate requests this month, especially on Park and Green Streets.
- Highway 125 and Bailey Road locations have to be marked every two weeks.

- The maintenance cap is down to the \$90,000 limit. There is one SimplexGrinnel invoice in the amount \$158 that is outstanding. Once the invoice is received, the maintenance cap for last year will be submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Chesson adjourned the meeting around 3:25 p.m. The next regular MCRWASA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018.

Al Chesson, MCRWASA Vice Chairman

Christina Craft, NCMCC
MCRWASA Secretary