

**Minutes**  
**MCRWASA Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**August 24, 2017**

The Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWASA) Board of Directors met for its Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the MCRWASA Water Treatment Plant Building, 1001 Park Street, Williamston, NC.

**ASSEMBLY**

Members present: Chairman David Bone, Board Director Hilton Keel, Board Director Junious Horton (alternate), Board Director Julius Patrick, Secretary Marion Thompson and Treasurer/Deputy Secretary Cindy Ange.

Vice Chairman Al Chesson and Board Director Tommy Bowen (alternate) were not in attendance.

Others present: Martin County: Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr., Water District Manager Ed Warren; SUEZ: Project Manager Joe Thaxton and Senior O & M Technician Eddie Bristow; Town of Williamston: Administrator David Jaynes.

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 27, 2017 Regular Session**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**SUEZ Change Order #13 – Clear Well Security Modification**

Chairman Bone recalled the vulnerability assessment suggested safety measures needed to be put into place for the treated water tank.

Project Manager Thaxton added SUEZ requested the installation of four (4) covers on the clear well vents to prevent direct access to the treated water tank. These covers would prevent material from entering the air vent lines, while still allowing air to pass through.

SUEZ received two quotes for this work and requested approval of Change Order #13 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,575. The MCRWASA FY 2017-18 Budget contained the expense already.

Director Patrick made the MOTION to approve Change Order #13 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,575, with a SECOND by Director Horton. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

### **SUEZ Change Order #14 – Security Sensors on Doors at Bailey Road Pump Station**

Chairman Bone stated Project Manager Thaxton recommended installation of security sensors on all four doors at the Bailey Road Pump Station, intermediate lift station, thio-sulfate and pulsator air compressor building, as a result of the vulnerability assessment. SUEZ requested approval of Change Order #14 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,147.

Project Manager Thaxton explained these sensors would alert SUEZ staff of possible unauthorized entry to the facility. SUEZ would then dispatch a member to call 911 for support, if necessary.

Director Keel made the MOTION to approve Change Order #14 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,147, with a SECOND by Director Patrick. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

### **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

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

Chairman Bone recalled at the June 22, 2017 MCRWASA Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved an estimate for a second phase of work to address the turbidity issue at MCRWASA Well #1. The Board decided to proceed with the suggestion by GMA and the Wooten Company Engineer to add an automatic blow-off valve and line to allow water to go on the ground until achieving an acceptable turbidity level. The Board decided against pursuing the installation of the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) – a second recommendation discussed – at that time. The Board approved Change Order #12 with a non-to-exceed amount of \$45,000.

Maggette, the contractor on this work, expected to have the project completed by August 21, 2017.

Project Manager Thaxton recalled lightning damaged the Martin County Water District #1 (Hassell Well) SCADA system on July 5, 2017. While the Hassell Well was being repaired, the MCRWASA Well #1 served Martin County Water District #1 customers. During this period, the Well was flushed prior to water being placed into the system. Service was restored to the Hassell Well, on August 8, 2017. Reportedly, the Hassell Well is doing well, with no complications with water quality.

Water District Manager Warren commended his Staff and stated a lot of manual labor and hours were involved during the time the MCRWASA Well #1 was in operation to supply water for Water District #1 customers.

Neither Water District Manager Warren, Project Manager Thaxton, nor Director Patrick, who lives in the area, were aware of any complaints about water quality while the Hassell Well was out of service.

Water District Manager Warren stated the cost for the volume of water flushed before entry into the MCRWASA #1 system was minor in comparison to the cost of chemicals to treat the water in Hassell Well. Project Manager Thaxton added because of the positive results, he did not recommend changing the number of bulbs, which could result in a savings of \$5,000.

### **Monthly Report from Suez**

Project Manager Thaxton reported Change Order #12 for the MCRWASA Well #1, the annual maintenance of all three (3) filters, and the annual inspection of the 300,000 gallon ground storage tank had been completed.

Project Manager Thaxton stated additional SUEZ responsibilities would take him away from the MCRWASA plant 35% to 40% of the time. Adding, he could manage most of the MCRWASA emergency operations electronically, using a special access code. After O & M Technician Bristow passes the physical chemical certification, and become licensed as an ORC, he would be given the access code.

O & M Technician Bristow stated the sludge has to be removed twice annually from the MCRWASA Water Treatment Plant lagoon and taken to a specialized permitted land application field in the Tarboro area. The sludge can be recycled for non-human consumption agricultural use.

### **Online Utilities Payment Scam**

Town of Williamston Administrator David Jaynes wanted to warn citizens that some agencies have been defrauding online municipal utility customers. It seems agencies, using a third-party server, have been intercepting the transaction and causing some customer the payments to be late. Even in some instances, it has caused the utilities to be shutoff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Bone adjourned the meeting around 3:42 p.m. The next regular meeting for the MCRWASA would be Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

---

David Bone, Chairman

---

Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC  
MCRWASA Secretary