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Augusta County Service Authority  
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting Room

PRESENT: Andrew C. Middleton, Chairman, North River District  
Garry R. Gordon, Vice Chairman, Middle River District  
Harvey Almarode, South River District  
Allen Dahl, Beverley Manor District  
Matthew Egeli, Wayne District  
Michael L. Shull, Riverheads District  
Timothy Simmons, Pastures District  
Phil Martin, Executive Director  
Jean Marshall, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Brent Canterbury, Board Treasurer

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

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## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Shull to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons
Nays:	None

Motion approved.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Almarode, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2021, which have been mailed to the members.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons
Nays:	None

Motion approved.

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Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee approved the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 17, 2021.

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MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance to make comments and no public comments were brought forth by Staff.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Report

Staff presented Board members with a copy of the May Financial Report and explained revenue is 4% over the 2021 budget and expenses are 4.1% under the 2021 budget.

Supply Order Update

Staff informed the Board currently there are no substantial issues with treatment chemical supply orders. There have been some delays in the delivery of vehicle and equipment purchases, as well as delivery delays with certain capital items manufactured overseas.

Introductions

Staff introduced Cole Seldomridge as the acting Director of Solid Waste Management, Jarrett Moran as the new Engineering Manager, and Ron Elkins as the new Project Coordinator.

Augusta County Comp Plan Revisions

Staff reported attending and addressing the Augusta County Planning Commission meeting in July to voice support for proposed revisions to the Augusta County Comp Plan language; particularly the revision to strongly discourage the siting of solar facilities in the Urban Service and Community Development Areas.

Non-pay Disconnects

Staff stated because the COVID-19 state of emergency expired on June 30, the Service Authority will resume non-paid disconnects on August 30.

Small Scale Solar Project

Staff informed the Board of a request for a small-scale solar project coming before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The property being sited is a 10-acre parcel, with potential for eight building lots, and slated for low density residential in the County’s comprehensive plan. The possible revenue loss for the Service Authority, if the request is approved, is between \$0 - \$28,000.00 over a 26-year period. Staff asked for direction from the Board on addressing the concerns of this request to the BZA.

Mr. Shull felt Staff should attend the BZA meeting to reiterate where the Service Authority and the Service Authority Board stands on the above-mentioned project, as well as future solar projects.

Mr. Dahl stated because many larger companies are now using solar to power their facilities, they may be reluctant to locate in Augusta County, if the door is completely closed on solar projects.

After further discussion, the Board directed Staff to attend the BZA meeting and send a memo to the BZA expressing concerns of the potential loss of revenue for the Service Authority, should the request be approved.

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PROGRESS REPORT

The Progress Report for June is on file in the Secretary’s office and was reviewed with the Board.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Personnel Committee will provide a report after the Closed Session.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee appointments are as follows:

Executive Committee: Andrew C. Middleton, Chairman  
Garry R. Gordon, Vice Chairman

Finance and Audit Committee: Garry Gordon, Chairman  
Harvey Almarode  
Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio

Personnel Committee: Timothy Simmons, Chairman  
Matthew Egeli  
Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio

Land and Water Committee: Michael S. Shull, Chairman  
Allen Dahl  
Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio

Legal Committee: Matthew Egeli, Chairman  
Harvey Almarode  
Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio

Broadband Committee: Harvey Almarode, Chairman  
(Temporary) Timmy Simmons

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Building Advisory Committee: (Temporary)	Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio Garry Gordon, Chairman Allen Dahl Andrew C. Middleton, Ex-Officio
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AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LANDFILL EXCAVATOR

Staff stated a 2010 CAT 336 Excavator is currently being utilized to remove borrow material at the Augusta Regional Landfill. Much of the borrow material is shale and is removed with a ripper tooth. This process is extremely difficult on the machine. The existing excavator has approximately 7,000 hours and is approaching the end of its useful life.

The approved FY 2022 Landfill Capital Budget includes \$375,000 to purchase a replacement Excavator.

The Landfill has in its possession a 2012 CAT 973D track loader which is being phased out of service. This old track loader will be utilized as a trade-in on the new excavator.

ACSA obtained a Sourcewell quote from Carter CAT for a 2021 CAT 336-07 Excavator. The Sourcewell quote shows a sale price of \$339,250.00 for the Excavator and a trade allowance of \$60,000.00 for the 973D Loader. The Net Balance Due for the Excavator is \$279,250.00.

Staff is requesting the Board to approve the purchase order to Carter CAT for \$279,250.00 to purchase a 2021 CAT 336-07 Excavator for the Augusta Regional Landfill

After discussion, Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to approve the purchase of the 2021 CAT 336-07 Excavator in the amount of \$279,250.00.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons
Nays:	None

Motion approved.

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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Staff reminded the Board, in 2018, as part of an effort to recognize and reward ACSA employees for exceptional work that goes above and beyond their normal duties, the ACSA Excellence Awards were created. These honors are awarded twice a year covering multiple categories and include a \$200 monetary award, recognition to this Board, and inclusion in the ACSA bi-monthly newsletter.

While there are multiple categories for the awards, during the last six months we received only one nomination. That nomination was submitted by Phil Martin, Executive Director.

The nomination was for Roy Harper, Collection and Distribution Foreman, Dustin Reynolds, Collection and Distribution Foreman (working as an Equipment Operator at the time), and Steven Davis, Utility Worker. The nomination was for the “Outstanding Customer Service” award and was based on comments received from Sharon Harrigan, a customer who resides at 737 Lee Jackson Highway in Jolivue.

On January 12, 2021, Ms. Harrigan called in and stated while she usually doesn’t go out of her way to provide feedback, she felt the work done by the crew mentioned above was more than deserving of recognition. Ms. Harrigan stated the crew went above and beyond what she expected and frequently asked if there was anything more they could do for her. She pointed out this level of customer service “rarely happens anywhere else” and contractors or employees in similar lines of work don’t care about customer’s needs as much as these gentlemen did. She also mentioned her neighbor shared a similar experience with her.

The Board thanked Roy, Dustin and Steven for their Outstanding Customer Service and attention to detail.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Shull to convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), to discuss personnel matters regarding performance review and evaluation.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli,  
Shull, and Simmons  
Nays: None

Motion approved.

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Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Almarode to come out of closed session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli,  
Shull, and Simmons  
Nays: None

Motion approved.

Board members were requested to certify only matters pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) were discussed. Members certifying were Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons.

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Personnel Committee

Mr. Simmons moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to accept the FY2022 performance goals as introduced to each of the Board members in Closed Session, with the revision to remove the goal to explore the possibility of residential garbage collection, and to approve the Executive Director’s compensation as discussed in Closed Session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons
Nays:	None

Motion approved.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Middleton thanked Staff for bringing the Excellence Award before the Board.

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There being no further business, Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, Shull, and Simmons
Nays:	None

Motion approved.

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Board Secretary

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Chairman