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Augusta County Service Authority
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 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
Timothy Simmons, Pastures District
Phil Martin, Executive Director
Brent Canterbury, Treasurer
Jean Marshall, Board Secretary
Randall T. Perdue, Legal Counsel

ABSENT: Michael L. Shull, Riverheads District

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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. Dahl moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Almarode, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2021, which have been mailed to the members.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

David Beisner, of 336 River View Drive, expressed concerns regarding excessive water pressure at his residence and at the residence of his neighbors, Shawn and Jean Reynolds, of 356 River View Drive, as well as other residents in his neighborhood. Due to the increased water pressure, he has had to replace the pressure relief valve (PRV) at his residence three times. Mr. Beisner stated it is his understanding a main line PRV station is needed uphill from his and the Reynold’s properties. While he and the Reynolds understand it is the homeowner’s responsibility to cover maintenance from the street to the residence, they feel some monetary recompense is in order. Mr. Beisner has incurred repair expenses in excess of \$5,000.00 and the Reynolds have incurred repair expenses in excess of \$14,000 due to the excessive water pressure.

Mr. Egeli asked Mr. Beisner how long he has lived at his residence and how long he has had water pressure issues.

Mr. Beisner stated he has lived at his residence for 21 years. He started noticing issues about 7-8 years ago but did not realize there was an actual problem until the PRV blew out two-and-a-half-years ago and had to be replaced.

Mr. Dahl asked if the elevation of the house and the meter are the same. Mr. Beisner confirmed they are the same elevation.

Mr. Simmons assured Mr. Beisner the water pressure issues will be rectified as soon as a corrective action plan is in place.

Staff explained there are two options to be considered for alleviating the issue. One option would be to install a main line PRV near the intersection of River View and Millstone Drive. This option would cost between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00. The second option would be to install a water line to connect River View Drive and Mill Pond Road. This option would cost approximately \$100,000 and would require obtaining easements from surrounding property owners. A PRV has been installed at the Reynolds meter as a temporary solution until a permanent solution is achieved. Mr. Beisner installed a PRV at his home. At this time a completion date cannot be determined.

There were no further questions or discussions on this matter.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to convene in closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(8), to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, and Simmons

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Nays: None

Motion approved.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to come out of closed session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, and Simmons

Nays: None

Motion approved.

Board members were requested to certify only matters pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(8) were discussed. Members certifying were Middleton, Gordon, Almarode, Dahl, Egeli, and Simmons.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S HIGHLIGHTS

Staff informed the Board Tiina Solak, Director of Human Resources, is giving up her position at the Service Authority effective Friday, November 26.

Interviews for the Safety Manager position have been completed and an offer has been made to an applicant.

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PROGRESS REPORT

The October Progress Report was included in the Board packet and was reviewed with the Board.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports given.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2022 ACSA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

At the April, 2021 Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved adding two additional holidays to the existing schedule.

Due to January 1, 2022 falling on a Saturday, New Year’s Day will be observed on Friday, December 31, 2021 and is not included in the 2022 schedule. Officially, there are 11 holidays in calendar year 2022.

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Staff is requesting approval of the following holiday schedule for 2022:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 17, 2022
Presidents Day (Floating Holiday)	February 21, 2022
Memorial Day	May 30, 2022
Independence Day	July 4, 2022
Labor Day	September 5, 2022
Columbus Day (Floating Holiday)	October 10, 2022
Veterans Day (Floating Holiday)	November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2022
Day After Thanksgiving Day	November 25, 2022
Christmas Eve (Observed)	December 23, 2022
Christmas Day (Observed)	December 26, 2022

The Personnel Committee recommended the 2022 holiday schedule be accepted as presented.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments made by Board members.

There being no further business, Mr. Dahl moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

Board Secretary

Chairman