

Augusta County Service Authority
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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
Brent Canterbury, Treasurer
Jean Marshall, Board Secretary

ABSENT: None

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CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 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, and Shull
Absent: Simmons
Nays: None

Motion approved.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Almarode moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2022, which have been mailed to the members.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Albert Fossa of 401 Bowling St., Staunton, VA stated there are many houses built shortly after World War II in the Dooms Crossing area. These properties have small septic systems and they have deteriorated. Pollution from the deteriorated septic tanks is going directly into the drainage system, which frequently becomes clogged. Mr. Fossa asked the Service Authority to investigate the aging septic systems to determine if they could be replaced by a public sewage system. He also requested the Service Authority contact the appropriate authorities within the federal government to request funding for the aforementioned replacement.

Staff stated Mr. Fossa will be contacted once an investigation into his concerns has been completed.

The Board members thanked Mr. Fossa for sharing his concerns.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

Staff updated the information in the Executive Director's Highlights regarding the Meter Replacement Project Update, stating the residential meter replacement project has been completed.

Staff introduced Faun Painter as the new Human Resources Director.

Board members welcomed Ms. Painter to the Service Authority.

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PROGRESS REPORT

Staff explained the River View project is under way to correct the excessive water pressure issues addressed at the December and January Board meetings. Staff received an email from Jean Reynolds of 356 River View Drive, complimenting the Service Authority on their willingness to correct the water pressure issues.

Mr. Shull asked for the estimated increase in water pressure in the Jolivue/Mt. Sidney areas following the completion of the water line replacement project. Staff explained the water pressure did not increase as a result of the replacement of the water lines; however, a flow test is scheduled within the next week to determine fire flow.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports given.

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TOWN OF CRAIGSVILLE AGREEMENT

Staff stated ACSA has had a longstanding agreement with the Town of Craigsville (Town), which allows water to be supplied from either party to the other in times of need, and provides a mechanism for determining the wholesale rate charged for that water. The existing agreement between the Town and ACSA has recently expired, and it is in the interests of both parties to execute a new agreement. On September 25, 2019, ACSA transferred to the Town the Estaline Valley Water System and the new Agreement has been modified to reflect that change. There are no other structural changes to the Agreement and the method of calculating the wholesale rate charged is unchanged. At this time the Town has not reviewed nor approved the Agreement.

Staff requested authorization to enter into the agreement in its substantive form as presented to the Board. If the Town requests anything beyond superficial revisions to the Agreement, Staff will bring those requested changes to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Egeli asked if the Service Authority provides water to the Town or if the Town provides water to the Service Authority.

Staff stated under normal circumstances, neither party is providing water to the other. Two years ago, the Town had an emergency situation and had to acquire water from the Service Authority.

Mr. Egeli moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve the new Agreement in its current substantively similar form and authorize Staff to execute same.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR SCS ENGINEERS TASK ORDER

Staff stated in order to comply with all state and federal regulations at the Augusta Regional Landfill, it is necessary to perform a partial closure of Phases 1 and 3, construct the new Phase 5, and construct a Landfill Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS). SCS Engineers is currently under annual contract with ACSA to provide engineering design services such as those needed for these three items. SCS has provided a formal Task Order #14 detailing the Scope of Services for the engineering design, permitting and bid assistance necessary to get to the construction phase, along with a compensation schedule. The total cost associated with this Task Order is \$246,000. Adequate funding for this work is authorized in the FY-22 Landfill Budget. Per ACSA Purchasing Policy, authorization of any work exceeding \$100,000, which is fully funded in an approved budget, must come from the ACSA Board of Directors.

Staff requested the Board authorize Staff to execute Task Order #14 to SCS Engineers for the amount of \$246,000.00.

After discussion, Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to authorize Staff to execute Task Order #14 to SCS Engineers for the amount of \$246,000.00.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments made by Board members.

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There being no further business, Mr. Dahl moved, seconded by Mr. Almarode to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

Board Secretary

Chairman