

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on April 21, 2022, at the Madison County Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. A quorum was established followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Members: Bowman, Coppage, Crozier, Frame, Martin, Yowell
 Staff: G.M. Clemons, DO Jarrell, DA Gaskins
 Attorney: Terry Lynn
 Visitors: Mark Taylor, Jonathan Weakley, Media

The agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by Bowman, seconded by Coppage and approved unanimously.

The minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Bowman, seconded by Crozier and passed with five in favor and one abstention. (Mr. Yowell had been unable to attend the meeting and abstained from voting.)

Old business was then presented. Upon the recommendation of Attorney Lynn, a motion was made to hold a second public hearing regarding the facility fee in conjunction with the May 19, 2022 Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. The motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Martin and passed unanimously.

An opportunity was given for public comment, but there was initially none given.

Customer requests were then presented. A Locust Grove customer addressed the Board requesting relief on his bill. He had rented the property for a short time and when the meter technician went to get the final read, she found a hose in the back of the house running. The Board voted unanimously to follow RSA's usual policy and approved an exoneration for the customer, reducing his bill from \$1402.06 to \$381.05.

Another opportunity was given for public comment since a customer Jim Walker, who wanted to speak had recently arrived at the meeting. He expressed concern about the facility fee and also questioned where the money collected from the original facility fee had gone. Since this was not an actual public hearing, it was suggested that he express his thoughts about the fee at the upcoming May 19 public hearing and that he contact the Greene County Administrator's office for details regarding the use of the fee.

An opportunity was then given for Board comment. Mr. Martin had forwarded an article from local media that he asked GM Clemons to comment on in his report.

In the General Manager's report, GM Clemons began by stating that, except for legal fees, expenses were normal for this time of year. He mentioned that RSA is completing an RFP for engineering services so that some engineering projects can go forward. He expects that the annual financial audit for 2021 will soon be completed and can be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Regarding the article from the paper, GM Clemons explained that 4529 Greene County

water availabilities had been sold to date, although not all of them are connected as of this time. The plant has a maximum capacity of approximately 5000 availabilities (one million gallons per day). GM Clemons believes that the article in the paper was referencing a comment made by the RSA engineer in response to a proposed large project – that RSA would not be able to do it. There are 471 water availabilities remaining in Greene County, and the Chairman pointed out that Greene County would have to decide which projects have priority for the remaining EDUs. Mr. Yowell asked about the work being done near the McDonald's in Madison, and GM Clemons explained that the contractor hoped to have the final tap done the next day. He said that a bid was about to go out for the waterline work on Washington Street and that there would also soon be a bid opening on the Wilderness Water Plant Phase I.

Attorney Lynn reported that there was a hearing scheduled for April 25 on some Greene County motions. She offered to provide the Zoom link to any Board members who wished to have it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Coppage at 2:29 PM; the motion was seconded by Crozier and passed unanimously.

Chairman