

Augusta Water
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023, 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
Matthew Egeli, Wayne District
Michael Shull, Riverheads District
Timothy Simmons, Pastures District
Phil Martin, Executive Director
Brent Canterbury, Treasurer
Jean Marshall, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Allen Dahl, Beverley Manor District

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Almarode, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2023, which have been mailed to the members.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

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

1. Mr. Martin stated the EPA published the latest Unregulated Contaminate Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR5) results today. The latest report included results on 29 PFAS compounds and lithium. There were no PFAS compounds or lithium detected for Augusta Water.
2. Mr. Martin referred to the Middle River Clarifier Update in the Executive Director’s Highlights report sent to the Board members prior to this meeting. He confirmed a Stop Work Order has been issued to Eastern Waterproofing and Restoration of Virginia, LLC (Eastern), due to imperfections in the grout that was installed in the clarifier. The variations in the surface profile exceed the allowable range and the variations would not allow for proper function of the clarifier. Eastern has notified Staff of their objection to the findings and submitted a proposed plan to proceed. Staff and the consulting engineer for Augusta Water are evaluating the proposal.
3. Mr. Martin informed the Board two checks issued to two different suppliers in Atlanta were intercepted and forged supposedly by two different individuals and presented to Regions Bank, who cashed the checks for the individuals. The combined total of the checks was \$13,000.00. A police report has been filed for this incident, and Augusta Water’s bank has been informed.
4. Mr. Martin stated, although no formal economic report was available in time to include in the Highlights, Augusta Water remains economically stable.
5. Mr. Martin introduced Ron Elkins as the new Director of Treatment Operations.

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PROGRESS REPORT

There were no questions or discussion by Board members regarding the Progress Report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Egeli stated the Legal Committee report will be discussed during the following Agenda item.

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REQUEST FROM AUGUSTA COUNTY FOR REVIEW FEES WAIVER ON COUNTY PROJECTS

Mr. Martin stated, Augusta County administration has requested the Board of Directors officially waive Augusta Water Development Review Fees for County projects. Augusta Water’s current Fee Schedule lists an Initial Review Fee of \$100 and a Re-submittal Fee of \$50. A Field Inspection Fee of \$0.50 per linear foot is also included on the Schedule.

Mr. Martin informed the Board a similar request was made by Augusta County at the June 15, 2006 Augusta County Service Authority Board Meeting. That request was denied. A copy of the excerpt from the Minutes of said meeting was included in the Board packets sent to each Board member prior to this meeting.

Candy Hensley, Assistant to the County Administrator stated, the reason for the request is because Augusta County waives fees for services provided to Augusta Water, such as issuance of building permits, construction plan review, and plat review. The County is asking for the same consideration from Augusta Water. The County also asked that Augusta Water no longer charge the \$100 “Administrative Fee” when performing contract work for the County.

After discussion by the Board members, they agreed to postpone deciding on the matter until the September meeting and directed Staff to gather information on fees charged and waived by each organization to the other, to present at said meeting.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Middleton congratulated and welcomed Ron Elkins as the new Director of Treatment Operations.

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There being no further discussion, Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

Board Secretary

Chairman