

Augusta Water
Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
Augusta Water Large Conference 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

ABSENT: Michael L. Shull, Riverheads District

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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. Dahl 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. Dahl, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and the Called Board Meeting of February 15, 2024 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

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

Mr. Martin stated due to the high winds in the area lately, there have been power outages and communications disruptions at some of the treatment plants; however, there were no sanitary sewer overflows or exceedances.

Mr. Martin stated, he has not received any further comments or recommended revisions for the draft 2024 Strategic Plan since the February Board meeting when the draft plan was presented. He asked the Board members to submit any other comments or revisions they may have by April 1. The final Strategic Plan will be presented for approval at the April Board meeting.

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PROGRESS REPORT

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

Dr. Middleton asked if the construction of the new Field Operations and Facility Maintenance building is on target for occupancy in May. Mr. Martin stated construction is on target.

Mr. Egeli asked if the monthly Board meetings will be held at the new building once it is completed. Dr. Middleton confirmed the monthly Board meetings will be held at the new facility once the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports submitted by the Committees.

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UPCOMING SOLAR PROJECTS

Mr. Martin reviewed the Augusta Solar project and the Fishersville A Solar project with the Board members. The Augusta Solar project was previously presented to the Board; however, changes have been made to the original proposal. While the total project will cover 1,259 acres, the total fenced area for panels is approximately 468 acres. This project will scale 14 parcels which are slated as Urban Service Area, Future Industrial Use, Future Planned Residential Use, Future Medium Density Residential Use, and Community Development Area in Augusta County's Comp Plan. The Fishersville A Solar project will be located on 22 acres slated as

Urban Service Area with a Future Land Use of Community Mixed Use. Both projects are expected to be presented to the County Boards in April or May. Mr. Martin explained if the Augusta Solar project is approved by the County, Augusta Water could potentially lose \$4,779,150.00 in revenue over a 35-year period. If the Fishersville A Solar project is approved by the County, Augusta Water could potentially lose \$1,422,941.68 in revenue over a 35-year period.

After discussion by the Board members, the Board instructed Mr. Martin to send a memo to the County Boards detailing the impact the projects could potentially have on Augusta Water. They agreed Mr. Martin would not need to attend the County Board meetings.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENT – MIDDLE RIVER FUEL STATION

Mr. Martin stated, in the approved FY-2023 Capital Budget, \$31,000 was included as partial funding for the Fuel Station to be located at Middle River. In the approved FY-2024 Capital Budget, an additional \$86,000 was allocated, bringing the total funding to \$117,000.

Quotes were requested from four qualified vendors for the fuel tank system in February, 2024. Of the 4 quotes received, Unity Fuel Solutions had the lowest quote, at \$115,050.00. While this quote was within the total approved budget, costs of associated work, including construction of a concrete pad, installation of electric and communication lines to the tank site and paving, will exceed the approved budget.

Staff estimates the following additional funds will be necessary to perform the associated work:

Concrete Pad	-	\$14,000
Electrical / Communication	-	\$10,000
Paving	-	<u>\$20,460</u>
Total	-	\$44,460

Adequate unallocated funds are available to cover these costs.

Staff recommends approval of the requested Budget Adjustment, adding \$44,460 to the previous funding of \$117,000, for a total of \$161,460.

After discussion, Mr. Egeli moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve the request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

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

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AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TRUCKS FOR ARL

Mr. Martin informed the Board, in February 2023, Augusta County entered into a contract with Bobby's Towing Service (BTS) to pull containers from their Public Use Sites. The contract included language that BTS would also pull containers from the Augusta Regional Landfill (ARL) Public Use Site to the active face of the Landfill.

In January 2024, BTS raised objections that actual pulls at the ARL were less than estimated and demanded the estimated pulls be treated as a guaranteed minimum number of pulls. Augusta County supports this change and it was also discussed at the February 22nd Landfill Management Committee (LMC) meeting. The County is working to revise their contract to reflect this, as well as sunseting the provision for pulling cans at the ARL on April 1, 2025.

Changing the basis of the contract to provide for a guaranteed minimum significantly increases the cost to the ARL and makes it more cost effective to purchase necessary equipment and self-perform the work. At the previously mentioned February 22nd LMC Meeting, this option was presented to the Committee and was approved.

The approved FY-2025 Augusta Regional Landfill capital budget includes \$600,000 to purchase two Roll-on / Roll-off trucks. Augusta Water is proposing to purchase two 2025 Freightliner SD114 trucks with Roll-on / Roll-off beds.

Augusta Water obtained a cooperative procurement quote through the Virginia Sherriff's Association from Mid-Atlantic Waste Services for two 2025 Freightliner SD114 trucks with Roll-on / Roll-off beds. The Virginia Sherriff's Association quote totaled \$217,975.00 per truck and is attached. Mid-Atlantic Waste Services confirmed the price and guaranteed the delivery date.

The two trucks will not be delivered to the Augusta Regional Landfill until after July 1, 2024, which would push the actual purchase into FY-2025.

Mr. Martin also relayed to the Board questions he had been asked by Mr. Shull in an earlier phone conversation regarding this matter.

Staff recommends the Board authorize a purchase order to Mid-Atlantic Waste Services for \$435,950.00 to purchase two 2025 Freightliner SD114 trucks with Roll-on / Roll-off beds for the Augusta Regional Landfill. Authorization is made with the provision that delivery would not be made until after July 1, 2024.

After discussion, Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons to authorize the purchase order to Mid-Atlantic Waste Services for \$435,950.00 to purchase two 2025 Freightliner SD114 trucks with Roll-on / Roll-off beds for the Augusta Regional Landfill. Authorization is made with the provision that delivery would not be made until after July 1, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

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

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UPDATE ON 2024 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. Martin gave an update on the bills proposed at the 2024 Virginia General Assembly Legislative Session which were reviewed with the Board members at the January meeting. He reviewed which bills passed, which failed, and which were tabled. He specifically noted both HB220/SB554 – Water/Wastewater Facilities Staffing Bill, and HB1085/SB243 – PFAS Facility Reporting Requirement Bill passed unanimously and are expected to be signed into law by the Governor.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Egeli offered comments on the Augusta Water By-Laws and their history.

Dr. Middleton encouraged the Board members to complete the Comprehensive Plan Survey being conducted by Augusta County. He asked them to encourage their friends and family to do the same.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Egeli to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion approved.

Board Secretary

Chairman