

Stafford County Utilities Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2011

I. Call to order

Chairman Bill Tignor called to order the regular meeting of the Utilities Commission at the Stafford County Administration Center on June 14, 2011 in the A, B, C Conference Room.

II. Roll call

Cheryl Giles conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Steven Apicella, Rick Carroll, Lloyd Chittum, Bill Tignor, and Clarence Young. Harry Critzer, Dale Allen, Mike Smith, Janet Spencer, Deidre Jett and Cheryl Giles were present for the Utilities Department.

III. Public Presentations

Mr. Paul Waldowski of 8 Pickett Lane commented that his goal is to have the issue of the Stafford Meadows water and sewer system maintenance presented to the Board of Supervisors. He also commented that he has a petition with the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) regarding a conflict of interest with two members that serve on the BZA and Utilities Commission voting on the Stafford Meadows water and sewer maintenance issue.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The June 14, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

V. Commission Members' Comments

Mr. Carroll inquired about the status of the Stafford Meadows water and sewer system. Mr. Tignor responded that at last month's meeting it was determined that the issue would be tabled until the Commission heard back from the Stafford Meadows HOA representative.

Mr. Tignor informed members that Alvin Bandy's health is failing.

VI. Director's Report

Harry Critzer reported the following items:

- ❖ The Planning Commission has a subcommittee that is working on telecommunications issues. One subject of discussion is the location of communication antennas on some of Utilities water tanks. It was explained to the subcommittee that since 9/11, Utilities has been opposed to antennas on the water tanks because of security and tank maintenance issues. The Planning Commission subcommittee asked staff to check with Northern Virginia localities to determine how they handle the issues of antennas on their water tanks. The localities stated that the security issue is handled in the lease with the company and that the tank maintenance issue is handled by the telecommunication companies to temporarily mount the antennas while the tank is painted. The Town of Vienna has a concern about "radiation" from cell phone transmissions. There is a potential revenue source from the antennas and staff would like the Utilities Commission input on the subject.

- ❖ The following personnel changes have taken place since the last meeting: Mike Smith, Asst. Director for Operations, will become Acting Director of Public Works. Janet Spencer, Construction Project Administrator, will become Acting Asst. Director for Operations. Mike Neuhard, Deputy County Administrator, will retire Sept. 1st and Keith Dayton, Director of Public Works will become Acting Deputy County Administrator.

Dale Allen reported on the request Mr. Apicella had regarding the public hearing for a special exception for the "Flood Hazard Overlay District". Mr. Allen explained that Chapter 28 of the county code states that flood elevations are not allowed to be changed, but certain facilities can be placed in the floodplain, but they would have to be approved by special exception. The Rocky Pen Run dam would change the floodplain elevation. The elevation of the creek is about 140ft. The floodplain elevation would be about 232ft after the dam is built. A special exception has to be requested from the BZA for Article 28-57 of the county code because of the change in the floodplain elevation. The public hearing is scheduled for June 28th at the BZA meeting.

Mr. Apicella asked what the worst case scenario would be if the BZA does not grant the special exception. Mr. Critzer responded that if the special exception is not granted the dam could not be built. A request cannot be brought back before the BZA for at least another year.

Mr. Apicella recommended that commission members attend the BZA meeting to show support of the special exception request.

VII. New business

Draft Water Supply Plan

Mr. Critzer provided a summary of the draft Water Supply Plan and highlighted the following contents of the plan:

Legal Requirements	Self-Supplied Groundwater Withdrawals
Water Supply Plan Required Content	Water Demand Management
Timeline	Drought Response and Contingency Plan
Surface Water Users	Water Use Restrictions
Groundwater Users	Water Supply vs Water Demand
Existing Water Supplies	Evaluation of New Water Supply Alternatives
Stafford County Watersheds	Cost Estimates for Alternatives
Projected Water Demand	Meeting Future Water Needs

Mr. Apicella asked what was decided about the potential to increase the water treatment plant capacity at Rocky Pen Run. Mr. Critzer responded that the initial plan was to build it for 5 MGD, but it will now be 10 MGD. Five MGD increments can be added as needed and for as much as 20 MGD.

Mr. Chittum asked what the projected date will be for the dam to be opened. Mr. Critzer responded that the projected bid date is the fall of 2011 and it will probably take an additional two years before the dam will be completed.

Mr. Apicella inquired if the contract environment is still competitive. Mr. Allen responded that our consultant has indicated that the contract environment is still very competitive for earthwork and mechanical work.

Rick Carroll inquired about the projected well and septic growth for the county. Mr. Critzer responded that those residents that are currently on well and septic will be absorbed as we get closer to the 90% of population being served by public services.

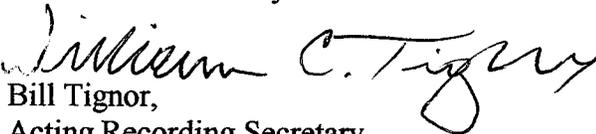
Mr. Tignor inquired about the following: efficient plumbing fixtures, groundwater, non-metered use and Virginia localities that use desalination.

Mr. Apicella made a motion to endorse the draft Water Supply Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young and passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Tignor adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by:


Bill Tignor,
Acting Recording Secretary