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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2025

Board Members Present: Jim Almond (via MS Teams), Paul Colangelo, Jr., Dean E. Dickey (via MS Teams), Charles A. Grymes, K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Ph.D., B. Paul O'Meara, Jr., Marlo Thomas Watson.

Staff: Calvin D. Farr, Jr., Hari Kurup, Astrid Nelson, Don Pannell, Audrey Arnold, Naeem Arshad, Lyle Beefelt, Samer Beidas, Kathy Bentz, Drew Cockram, Lee-Anne Dandrea, LaNetta Farris, Michael Fox, Shani Goodson, Mamoud Kamara, Navdeep Nara, Glenn Pearson, Tony Piccione, Shailaja Poluru, Ian Sansoni, Doug Shoop, Brian Sipes, Bijay Subedi, Jim Turner, Zachary Waszczak, Jeanetta Williams, April Bean, and Kim Murray.

Legal Counsel: Mark Viani/Bean Kinney & Korman, P.C.

Guests: Mike Garber/PB Mares.

Mr. Dickey joined the meeting at 3:55 PM via MS Teams (from Maryland, for personal reasons).

1. CALL TO ORDER and GENERAL MATTERS

Chair Colangelo called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

a) Consideration of Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2024, Board Meeting

Chair Colangelo asked if there were any edits to the minutes from the November 14, 2024, Board Meeting; hearing none, approval of the minutes was deferred until a quorum was established later in the meeting.

The Chair noted that since a quorum of five (5) members was not present in person, the Board would conduct business that does not require an action until a quorum was established.

Mr. Almond joined the meeting at 4:02 via MS Teams (from Virginia, for business reasons).

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b) Consideration of Announcements by Staff

- i. Mr. Farr noted President Biden's proclamation on President Jimmy Carter's passing, ordering American flags to be flown at half-mast for 30 days. President Biden also marked January 9, 2025, as a National Day of Mourning. Mr. Farr acknowledged the Prince William Water Board and staff recognize President Carter's service.
- ii. At Places: Mr. Farr noted the following items at Board Members' places: (1) A printed copy of revised item 3.d) on the agenda (staff made two corrections, which were highlighted); and (2) the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

c) Citizens' Time

Chair Colangelo recognized Harry Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins referenced the Upper Occoquan Service Authority's (UOSA's) Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit with Micron. He expressed concerns that the permit should be revised to include limits on the discharge of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). He also alleged that Micron has exceeded its permit limit for sodium discharge. Mr. Wiggins also referenced the "Land Disturbance Task Force" formed by the Prince William County Executive and the Prince William Water General Manager. He stated that County staff told him that they are disheartened with the progress of the task force. He asked the Prince William Water Board of Directors to engage and try to move that task force forward.

2. PRESENTATION

a) FY2024 Audit Briefing: Mr. Colangelo introduced Mike Garber, Audit Partner with PB Mares, noting Mr. Garber would provide a briefing on the FY2024 Audit. Mr. Garber provided a summary of the Audit and noted that Prince William Water received an unqualified audit opinion. He thanked the Finance team for their assistance and support during the audit.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Colangelo postponed discussion/voting on items due to the lack of a quorum physically present at the meeting.

4. DISCUSSION

a) Occoquan Reservoir Protection: Chair Colangelo tabled the discussion to the February Board meeting at Mr. Grymes' request.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Mr. Farr reported on his December 10, 2024, presentation to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors about PFAS, salinity, and water supply. It was a constructive conversation, and the Supervisors were very supportive of the organization's efforts. The Supervisors asked what they could do to help staff deal with these important issues. Mr. Farr noted staff continues to stress the need for additional

monitoring and control of PFAS getting into the Occoquan Reservoir, and now a bill has been introduced at the Virginia General Assembly that will require industrial users to test for and remove PFAS. Mr. Farr explained to the Board of County Supervisors that keeping PFAS out of the Occoquan is the most effective way to deal with this issue. Mr. Farr advised he will ask the County Supervisors and the Prince William Water Board of Directors for their support and advocacy of this bill, which is House Bill 2050.

b) Mr. Farr reported Prince William Water received a large availability fee payment from a data center in advance of the January 1 fee increases. This was certified under the new industrial class on a maximum-day basis.

c) Mr. Farr noted Prince William Water received the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies' (AMWA) Sustaining Member Award in October. This milestone celebrates Prince William Water's long-standing membership in AMWA and acknowledges staff's invaluable contributions to the community.

d) Mr. Farr advised Prince William Water was also selected to receive the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' (NACWA) 2025 National Environmental Achievement Award (NEAA) in the Public Information & Education category for the Water Academy program. Prince William Water will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony and Reception on January 29 during NACWA's Winter Conference in California. Ms. Michelle Miranda, Community Engagement Manager, will join Mr. Farr at the conference to accept the award.

e) Mr. Farr reported on UOSA's Re-rating Study. There are promising developments regarding additional capacity that is needed at UOSA to support growth in the western part of Prince William County (PWC). Prince William Water had planned on purchasing an additional three (3) million gallons per day (MGD) of capacity as part of the next UOSA expansion, also known as P60. Based on the recently completed re-rating study, it looks as if Prince William Water may be able to gain additional capacity without the full expense of a traditional plant expansion. Staff is analyzing the re-rating study and having discussions with UOSA staff on how to move forward. Mr. Farr noted that implementing the recommendations of the re-rating study will probably require an amendment to the UOSA Service Agreement, which often involves a lengthy negotiation, so it is unlikely this will be ready for a Board discussion in February. Staff will keep Board Members updated as discussions advance.

f) Mr. Farr explained staff's response to the recent winter storm. Field and plant operations continued smoothly, thanks to good preparation and committed staff. Mr. Farr noted staff uses situations that have happened in other cities and areas to review contingency plans and put the organization in the best position possible to deal with emergencies. Mr. Farr thanked Board Members for their longstanding commitment to make sure staff has the resources and infrastructure to provide great service to customers.

g) Mr. Farr noted Prince William Water has launched a Loaner Model Program that allows teachers to use a 3D watershed model in their classrooms. The program includes a partnership with the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District. The two organizations have updated their watershed lesson plans, developed a step-by-step guide to using the 3D models, and held a session to train teachers in the use of the model and lesson plan. The program has already reached 600 PWC School students during its first few months of use.

h) Mr. Farr reported Prince William Water staff held an Adopt-a-Stream event on November 12, 2024. Fifteen employees covered more than five miles over two hours. The areas they cleaned included Neabsco Creek Boardwalk, Rippon Landing Park, and the Julie Metz Wetlands area. Staff hopes to team up with the "Friends of the Occoquan" in the spring for an Occoquan Reservoir cleanup event.

i) Mr. Farr asked Board Members to mark their calendars for the 2025 Annual Service Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Old Hickory Golf Club. Ms. Murray sent Board Members a calendar invitation with the details.

j) Mr. Farr noted a closed meeting is needed this evening.

Vice Chair O'Meara referred to the earlier comments from Mr. Wiggins (during Citizens' Time) about the Task Force that was established approximately one year ago with Prince William County and Fairfax Water. He asked Mr. Farr when results should be expected from that effort, and does he have any idea about the nature of those results. Mr. Farr reported that he gave a directive to provide a summary of the latest results. Mr. Pannell added that the next meeting will be held soon. He and Mr. Wade Hugh, Deputy County Executive, will put together a status report on the progress and, based on Mr. Farr's briefing to the BOCS in December 2024, lay out the next steps for the Task Force and the areas where it could have a positive impact.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chair Colangelo asked if Board Members had any comments or questions on the Administrative Reports. Dr. Kooyoomjian asked questions about items in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) report. Mr. Colangelo noted the positive engagement trending in the Social Media activities in the Communications report. He encouraged staff to post more items to boost and improve engagement numbers. He encouraged the same type of action in the new customer app.

Dr. Kooyoomjian commended staff on everything they do to maintain system efficiency and a 99.999% reliability in service.

7. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS

Dr. Kooyoomjian shared comments on the Continuous Improvement & Innovation Awards event and the Holiday Luncheon. He noted the December 17, 2024, Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory meeting went well. He met with Occoquan District Supervisor Kenny Boddye, Vice Chair O'Meara, and Mr. Farr on January 8. He noted Supervisor Boddye is currently the Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and is slated to become Chair soon. Dr. Kooyoomjian stated he also looks forward to the Annual Service Awards luncheon.

Vice Chair O'Meara commented on the January 8 meeting with Supervisor Boddye, Dr. Kooyoomjian, and Mr. Farr, noting that Mr. Boddye shares similar concerns with Prince William Water, including the protection of the Occoquan Reservoir. Mr. O'Meara noted the Virginia Water and Wastewater Authorities Act is only allowed to exist for 50 years. He reported the charter will have to be renewed by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Grymes advised he enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon and noted it was obvious that staff is interested in Prince William Water being a high performing organization at all levels. He was delighted to see the enthusiasm shown by the staff.

Mr. Dickey noted that during the fires in Los Angeles, they ran out of water. He suggested that our messaging should inform customers about the limitations on the supply of water for putting out fires. He feels it is important to learn from what's happening in California. Mr. Dickey also asked for updates on the hydrants in

the Evergreen community as well as at the hospitals with respect to having a backup plan if they lose water service. Mr. Dickey was pleased with the staff's preparations and response to emergencies.

Mr. Almond shared his excitement about partnerships and staff using the Boys' & Girls' Club for Prince William Water events. He reported staff is also welcome to use the gym and other facilities at the club.

Chair Colangelo thanked Mr. Dickey for his comments about the fires in Los Angeles. He stated he is grateful for the Board's collaboration and support. He enjoyed the holiday luncheon and complimented how efficiently it was run; he also noticed the employees' enjoyment of the event. The Chair also thanked staff for their winter storm response.

8. ATTORNEY'S TIME

Mr. Viani wished everyone a Happy New Year. He noted in May 2025, he will have been practicing law for 30 years; in July he will have been working with Prince William Water for 20 years.

Mr. Viani confirmed a closed meeting is needed under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement, and § 2.2-3711A7, Litigation.

Mrs. Thomas Watson arrived at 4:53 PM.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Colangelo asked if any Board Members wished to pull any items from the Consent Agenda. Dr. Kooyoomjian asked to pull item 3.d) for discussion, and item 3.b) for comment.

Motion: Dr. Kooyoomjian moved to pull item 3.d) from the Consent Agenda.
Second: Mr. Grymes
Ayes: Kooyoomjian, Grymes, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), O'Meara, Thomas Watson.

With reference to item 3.b), Dr. Kooyoomjian asked if the recommendation for design-build was based on the size, complexity, and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) risks with the project. Mr. Pannell confirmed this was a large project with significant SSO risks, which led staff to recommend the design-build approach.

The Chair called for a motion to approve items 3.a), 3.b), and 3.c) on the Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Agreement SA-2502 with WG Construction Co., Inc. for Construction of the Sewer Collection Rehabilitation & Replacement Program – UOSA Bridge Project.
- b) Approval to use Design-Build as the Project Delivery Method for the Featherstone Sewage Pumping Station, L16, and Force Main Project.
- c) Approval to Declare as Surplus, Property Located at 15320 Richmond Highway, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191 (GPIN: 8291-90-3160).

Motion: Mr. O'Meara
Second: Mrs. Thomas Watson
Ayes: O'Meara, Thomas Watson, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), Grymes, Kooyoomjian

d) Approval of the Revised Prince William Water Development Review Process and System Improvement Policy.

Dr. Kooyoomjian thanked Mr. O'Meara for his edits to the policy and offered one edit. Mr. O'Meara stated he was comfortable with the edit added by Dr. Kooyoomjian.

Motion: Mr. O'Meara moved for approval of agenda item 3.d) to include Dr. Kooyoomjian's proposed edit.
Second: Mrs. Thomas Watson
Ayes: O'Meara, Thomas Watson, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), Grymes, Kooyoomjian

Mr. Pannell requested clarification on the edit. Further discussion was held.

Motion: Mr. O'Meara moved to reconsider item 3.d).
Second: Mr. Dickey
Ayes: O'Meara, Dickey (via MS Teams), Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Grymes, Kooyoomjian, Thomas Watson

Motion: Mr. O'Meara moved to approve item 3.d) with the original amendments as presented in the package to the Board, minus the language that Dr. Kooyoomjian added.
Second: Mr. Dickey

[No vote was taken on this motion.]

With reference to the policy's third paragraph, Mr. Pannell suggested adding the following wording after "...planned System Improvements," to read, "...**including those required to comply with updates approved by the Board of County Supervisors' Comprehensive Plan.**" He explained this language would not narrow system improvements to exclusively those from the Comprehensive Plan but would include them.

Mr. Grymes noted the rephrasing language makes it clear that the Prince William Water Board is implementing the guidance of the Board of County Supervisors associated with the Comprehensive Plan; the Prince William Water Board is not narrowing its comments to just the pipes and plumbing and the engineering issues associated with our system, but they are also addressing the concerns associated with environmental leadership and community engagement.

Mr. O'Meara asked Dr. Kooyoomjian if he would like to add the language provided by Mr. Pannell as a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor; Dr. Kooyoomjian answered in the affirmative. Mr. O'Meara stated he accepted the friendly amendment. Mr. Viani clarified the amendment should read, "...including **but not**

limited to..." [so it would read: "...planned System Improvements including but not limited to those required to comply with updates approved by the Board of County Supervisors' Comprehensive Plan"].

Motion: Mr. O'Meara moved to approve item 3.d) with an accepted friendly amendment from Dr. Kooyoomjian based on the language provided by Mr. Pannell.
Second: Mrs. Thomas Watson
Ayes: O'Meara, Thomas Watson, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), Grymes, Kooyoomjian

10. CLOSED MEETING

Chair Colangelo requested a motion to authorize a closed meeting to discuss items under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement, and § 2.2-3711A7, Litigation.

Motion: Mr. O'Meara
Second: Mrs. Thomas Watson
Ayes: O'Meara, Thomas Watson, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), Grymes, Kooyoomjian

With a quorum now present, Chair Colangelo asked Board Members to approve the November 14, 2024, Board Meeting minutes.

Motion: Mrs. Thomas Watson
Second: Mr. O'Meara

The Chair announced the November 14, 2024, Board Meeting minutes are approved as presented.

Chair Colangelo announced a closed meeting at 5:13 PM to discuss items under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement, and § 2.2-3711A7, Litigation.

Upon conclusion of the closed meeting at 6:03 PM, and in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a motion was made by Mrs. Thomas Watson and seconded by Mr. O'Meara to return to an open meeting certifying that to the best of the Members' knowledge, the only matters considered were those that were appropriate to be discussed under Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711A6, Procurement, and § 2.2-3711A7, Litigation.

CERTIFICATION FOR CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Prince William Water Board of Directors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Prince William Water Board of Directors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Water Board of Directors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

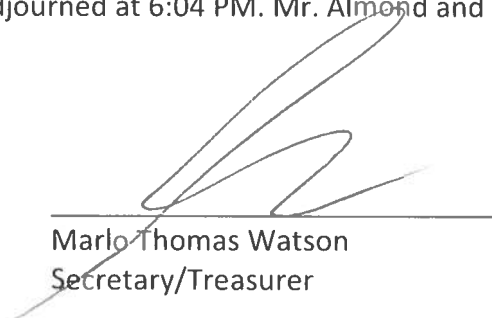
Motion: Mr. O'Meara

Second: Mrs. Thomas Watson

Ayes: O'Meara, Thomas Watson, Almond (via MS Teams), Colangelo, Dickey (via MS Teams), Grymes, Kooyoomjian

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM. Mr. Almond and Mr. Dickey disconnected from MS Teams at 6:04 PM.



Marlo Thomas Watson
Secretary/Treasurer