

PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 24, 2014

At a special meeting of the Public Service Authority Board of Directors held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following Board members were present: Doug Warren, Chairman; Nancy Burchett; Dave Dean; and Dennis Setliff. Dr. Fritz Streff was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous commitment.

Staff members present included: Peter Huber, County Administrator; Ronnie Nichols, Director of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board.

Dr. Warren called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the special meeting was to conduct public hearings on rate changes.

1. Public Hearings

a. \$10 per haul rate increase for customers specially requesting Sunday Service

Board members discussed the average hauls a week, the service provided to James Hardie, the potential for use of the Sunday service by other industries, and the anticipated revenue resulting from the Sunday service.

Dr. Warren opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Setliff and carried, the Board approved a \$10 per haul rate increase for customers specifically requesting Sunday service emptying dumpsters and roll-off containers with the \$10 Sunday surcharge to be applicable to all containers serviced by the PSA for the customers requesting Sunday service regardless of when other dumpsters are serviced at that location.

Voting yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Dean, Dr. Warren, Ms. Burchett.

Voting no: None.

Not present: Dr. Streff.

b. 10-cent per 1,000 gallon water and sewer surcharge applicable to PSA customers specifically located in the New River Valley Commerce Park

Mr. Huber advised the increase would apply to only those new businesses locating in the New River Valley Commerce Park.

Board members discussed current occupants of the Commerce Park and the method to be used to remit the funds back to Commerce Park.

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Dr. Warren opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Ms. Burchett, seconded by Mr. Dean and carried, the Board approved a 10-cent per 1,000 gallons water and sewer surcharge applicable to PSA customers specifically located in the New River Valley Commerce Park.

Voting yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Dean, Dr. Warren, Ms. Burchett.

Voting no: None.

Not present: Dr. Streff.

c. \$100 increase in sewer connection fees

Mr. Huber advised the public hearing was to include an increase in sewer connection fees, which would match a previously advertised increase in water connection fees applicable to all PSA customers.

Dr. Warren opened the public hearing. There were no citizen comments and the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Ms. Burchett, seconded by Mr. Setliff and carried, the Board approved a \$100 increase in sewer connection fees for all PSA customers effective July 1, 2014.

Voting yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Dean, Dr. Warren, Ms. Burchett.

Voting no: None.

Not present: Dr. Streff.

2. Other Matters

Mr. Huber advised of training being offered by county staff on the new "Tablets" provided to Board members, with said training to be held on Wednesday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m. in the IT Training facility located on Commerce Street in the Town of Pulaski.

Mr. Huber also advised of training being held on Wednesday, June 25th at 1:00 p.m. related to working with the press. Mr. Huber advised the training was being provided by Dr. Kelly McBride, Assistant Professor of Public Relations at Virginia Tech.

Mr. Huber described in detail recent water pressure issues experienced in the PSA water system as a result of an electrical glitch. Mr. Huber also described efforts by staff to address reports of discolored water by flushing of lines.

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Mr. Huber and the PSA Board commended the county engineer and Water Department staff for work in resolving the water pressure issues.

Mr. Dean requested staff follow-up with citizens who report issues with the water system; specifically by advising the citizen of the efforts by staff to resolve the matter.

Mr. Huber advised there was no additional information to report related to the well drilling.

Mr. Setliff inquired if PSA staff had considered adjusting the back flushing scheduled to include preventative maintenance. Mr. Huber advised the normal schedule was for the flushing to be done once a year; however, staff could review the potential for flushing every two weeks. Mr. Huber advised costs associated with the more frequent flushing would need to be taken into consideration by the PSA Board.

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Dean, seconded by Ms. Burchett and carried, the Board adjourned its special meeting. The next regular meeting of the PSA Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the CAB.

Voting yes: Mr. Setliff, Mr. Dean, Dr. Warren, Ms. Burchett.

Voting no: None.

Not present: Dr. Streff.


Nancy Burchett, Secretary/Treasurer


Doug Warren, Chairman