

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JOINT MEETING with LOUISA COUNTY  
MINUTES  
Best Western Inn  
Zion Crossroads, VA  
January 26<sup>th</sup> 2009  
2:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marvin F. Moss, Chairman  
Charles W. Allbaugh, Vice Chairman  
Mozell H. Booker  
John Y. Gooch  
Gene F. Ott  
Donald W. Weaver

**LOUISA COUNTY MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Willie Harper, Chairman  
Willie Gentry, Vice Chairman  
Dick Havasy  
Dan Byers  
P. T. Spencer  
Fitzgerald Barnes  
Jack Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** G. Cabell Lawton, IV, County Administrator  
Shelly H. Wright, Assistant County Administrator  
Frederick W. Payne, County Attorney  
Alice F. Jones, Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Dale Mullen, County Attorney/Interim County Administrator  
Ernie McLeod, Deputy County Administrator  
April Lowe, Acting Assistant to County Administrator  
Zuwana Morgan, Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Bar Delk, Louisa County Water Authority General Manager  
Pam Baughman, Louisa County Water Authority  
Joe Hines, Timmons Group  
Jim Christian, Timmons Group  
Sheryl Stephens, Draper Aden  
Fred Pribble, Draper Aden

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Moss called the joint meeting with the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western Inn, Zion Crossroads, Virginia.

Chairman Harper called the joint meeting with the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western Inn, Zion Crossroads, Virginia.

Each member of the two Boards stood and introduced themselves and indicated which district they represented.

Chairman Moss made a statement at the beginning of the meeting. In his statement he indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to see if the two boards could reach mutual agreement on the tentative and suggested course of action in order to move this project forward. He hoped that by the end of the meeting the two boards would have reached a consensus on key points such as: the establishment of an authority to run the program; the make-up of that authority so that each County can go back and hold a public hearing in order to hear comment from their respective citizens; then to take official action to implement the consensus the two counties reach in today's joint meeting.

Chairman Moss also indicated that in 2003 Fluvanna County and Louisa County signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share the cost of the project and the MOU was still in effect.

Chairman Harper had no comment. He felt that Chairman Moss covered everything that needed to be said.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Joe Hines, Timmons, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation on the background and overview of the project. Mr. Hines indicated that Timmons was hired to evaluate the most feasible and cost effective way to provide water from the James River to supply the Zion Crossroads Area, Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD). Mr. Hines also provided information on the formation of a Joint Authority; a potential schedule [time frame]; and the recommended route of the water line.

The two Boards discussed whether the connection to the Fork Union Sanitary District would still be a shared cost. This issue will be discussed further at a later date.

Mr. Hines then opened the floor up for Board discussion regarding the Joint Authority Structure (number of members, etc.)

Mr. Hines provided information on the ownership and management structure and indicated the advantages of a Joint Wholesale Authority is that each County would maintain control of where connections occur in their respective counties; each County would own and operate their own retail water distribution systems; and each County would establish user rates and fees in their service areas. Estimated project costs in the amount of \$45 million for a three (3) MGD system capacity and an additional \$3.8 million if the Fork Union Sanitary District is to be connected.

The preliminary rate study was discussed along with the utility investment. Mr. Hines suggested that the utility investments would help increase property values and the economic development would generate tax revenues and job opportunities.

The next steps would include [if both localities were in agreement] moving forward with the Joint Water Authority; each Board would select members to serve on the Joint Authority; finalize the legal language of the Articles of Incorporation; authorize to advertise for Public Hearing; and to hold the Public Hearing and approve or deny creation of the Joint Authority.

A general discussion ensued between the two Boards regarding the information they received from the Timmons presentation. Topics included whether to form the joint authority; the number of members to serve on the Joint Authority; and whether to consider Aqua Virginia's proposal.

Mr. Harper, Chairman, Louisa Board of Supervisors, indicated that the entire Louisa Board of Supervisors were in agreement with a 3-member from each County to serve on the Joint Authority. With a roll call each member indicated they were in agreement with the 3-3 member authority.

Chairman Moss, Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, also called for a roll call indication of how each member felt regarding the formation of the Joint Authority. All Board members were in agreement for a 3-3 membership except for Supervisor Weaver who preferred a 4-3 membership.

Each Board was encouraged to advertise for public hearings in their respective Counties for March 2009 in order to establish the legal basis on which to proceed. That would mean that each County would have to obtain authorization for staff to advertise at their next Board of Supervisors meeting. There is a 30-day advertisement period prior to the public hearing and there only needs to be one advertisement.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following citizens addressed the two Board's with their comments, recommendations or concerns:

- Mr. David Hordyke, Rivanna District, Fluvanna County, indicated that this joint meeting was a historic moment in time and inquired as to how Lake Monticello interfaces with this agreement; suggested there be two separate systems
- Mr. Ray Signoretti, Rivanna District, Fluvanna County, expressed concern about the organization; privatization of the authority; and concerns regarding Aqua Virginia

- Mr. Henry Taylor, Green Springs District, Louisa County, expressed concerns about the cost and how it was to be paid for; impact of cost to the citizens
- Mr. Wayne Schmidt, Rivanna District, Fluvanna County, concerns regarding Aqua Virginia's participation; cost of the project

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Moss closed the public comment section.

The Chairman of both Counties had closing comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the joint meeting between Fluvanna County and Louisa County was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.