

## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF August 31, 2021

*(Meeting held virtually via Zoom, with seven attendees also being in person in the District Conference Room)*

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Chairman Sheldon called meeting order at 5:08 PM and announced that the virtual meeting was being recorded and asked for each of the Board members to state their name for the record by roll call:

**Board Members Present:** (All attending in person) Commissioner Robert E. Boyd, Jr. - Present, Commissioner and Chairman Robert H. Sheldon - Present, and Commissioner Joshua M. Fox - Present (upon arriving at 5:12 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** (All attending in person) Treasurer Thomas S. Travers, Executive Director Vincent J. Roy, Customer Service Manager Renee M. Adams, and Assistant Treasurer Karen Moretti. Although there was a virtual attendance option, the only attendees were those noted as being in person at the District's conference room.

#### **1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> COMMISSIONERS MEETING:**

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of August 10, 2021, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd and duly seconded by Chairman Sheldon, and approved by roll call:

Commissioner Robert E. Boyd, Jr. - Aye  
Commissioner and Chairman Robert H. Sheldon - Aye  
Commissioner Joshua M. Fox - (Not present at the time of the vote)

#### **2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup> REPORT:**

Executive Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report to the Board and addressed questions regarding the following topics:

##### **July PFAS Analysis**

*Director Roy presented the July PFAS analysis to the Commissioners and stated that the July results were a decrease from the previous two months. Chairman Sheldon asked Mr. Roy if he thought the reduction of PFAS concentrations could be attributed to the higher-than-average July rainfall. Mr. Roy responded that the higher ground water levels could be a factor in diluting PFAS concentrations within the ground water. Chairman Sheldon suggested that Mr. Roy gather data on rain fall average, ground water levels, and wastewater treatment flows from the Marlboro WWTF to see if there is any correlation between the data and the reduced PFAS concentrations to which Mr. Roy concurred.*

##### **Quarterly Billing Cycle**

*Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the August billing cycle reflected a 50-million-gallon reduction in water usage in comparison to last year's same-billing-period. However, Mr. Roy emphasized that he had anticipated the usage reduction due to the higher-than-average seasonal rainfall as well as comparing it with last year's exceptionally dry season. Mr. Roy also state that this year's water usage is only slightly below the five-year average.*

**3. SELECTION OF A LAW FIRM TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT ON A PFAS CLASS-ACTION SUIT:**

There was a discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding the two law firms soliciting the District's participation in a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of PFAS compounds. Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Boyd moved to select SL Environmental Law Group to represent the District as a participant in a class action and/or multi-party lawsuit to authorize Director Roy to execute a legal service agreement with the firm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fox and approved by unanimous roll call:

Commissioner Robert E. Boyd, Jr. - Aye  
Commissioner Joshua M. Fox - Aye  
Commissioner and Chairman Robert H. Sheldon - Aye

Commissioner Fox moved to conclude the open meeting and to move into executive session under Exception 2 of the Open Meeting Law for the purpose to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel, or anything relative thereto, and to approved the Minutes from the Executive Session meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, and to not return to the Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously by roll call:

Commissioner Joshua M. Fox - Aye  
Commissioner Robert E. Boyd - Aye  
Commissioner and Chairman Robert H. Sheldon - Aye

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM