



**MINUTES
PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
October 8, 2024**

Annual Meeting

The Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) met Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 12:00 noon in the PTRWA Conference Room, 7297 Adams Farm Road, Randleman, NC. Chairman Rich Glover called the meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Rich Glover
 Mr. John Bencini
 Mr. Robert Bald
 Mr. Lewis Dorsett
 Ms. Melissa Blalock
 Mr. Darrell Frye
 Mr. John Thomas

Absent: Mr. Dennis Mabe
 Mr. Thomas Phillips
 Mr. David Parrish

Welcome, by PTRWA Chairman Rich Glover

Mr. Glover welcomed the PTRWA Board members to the required annual meeting of the PTRWA Board of Directors.

1. Approval of September 10, 2024 PTRWA minutes

Mr. Glover asked if there were revisions to be made in the September 10, 2024 minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Bald, and carried unanimously to approve the September 10, 2024 PTRWA minutes as presented.

**2. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Application for North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure Funding
Gregory Flory, Executive Director**

Mr. Flory stated that the Authority will be applying for grants from the NC Division of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) during the fall funding cycle. The application is due November 1, 2024 to be considered for the fall funding cycle. If awarded, the grant will assist the Authority by providing additional resources for studying the best

available treatment technology for the removal of emerging compounds in the drinking water. Notification of awards are expected to be announced in the spring 2025.

The application package requires a Funding Resolution by the Governing Body of Applicant (as attached for records).

Motion was made by Mr. Bencini, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, and carried unanimously to approve the Funding Resolution By Governing Body of Applicant for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure application package.

3. Approval to Negotiate Regional Water and Wastewater Utility Master Plan Contract

Gregory Flory, Executive Director

PTRWA received a comprehensive proposal from the team of Hazen and Sawyer, Wooten, and Raftelis, which met all the requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal. Mr. Flory recommends proceeding with negotiations with this team to advance the plan. The estimated completion timeframe is nine months, with an approximate cost of \$750,000. Funding for the master plan will be sourced from the Unrestricted Fund Balance. However, any available grants or additional funding opportunities will also be pursued.

Motion was made by Mr. Bencini, seconded by Mr. Bald, and carried unanimously for Mr. Flory to negotiate the regional water and wastewater utility master plan contract with Hazen and Sawyer in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

4. Approval of Classification and Compensation Plan

Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Mr. Flory presented the Board with a spreadsheet highlighting the differences between the proposed classification and compensation plan and the current plan, which was last updated in 2014. The Finance team conducted an in-house evaluation of compensation in surrounding areas to determine an average percentage adjustment, which was then incorporated into the existing plan ranges. Additionally, the Finance team reviewed the paid time off policies of the evaluated municipalities and concluded that PTRWA's offerings were comparatively lower. Consequently, Mr. Flory suggested adding an extra day for the Christmas holiday.

Motion was made by Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Ms. Blalock, and carried unanimously to approve the classification and compensation plan as presented.

5. Appointment of Finance Director, Rebecca Brown

Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Mr. Flory formally requested that the Board officially appoint Rebecca Brown to the positions of Finance Director and Budget Officer. He noted that Ms. Brown has been effectively performing the duties of these roles for an extended period and successfully managed the entire audit process this year. Her proven competence

and dedication make her an excellent candidate for these official appointments.

Motion was made by Mr. Frye, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, and carried unanimously to appoint Rebecca Brown and the Finance Director and Budget Officer.

6. Executive Director's Report Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Mr. Flory provided a brief overview and explanation of the Authority's financial report for the periods of July 2024-September 2024. He also provided an update on the following items:

Expansion: Greensboro has received the revised Joint Governmental Agreement (JGA). Provided that Greensboro approves the revisions, the next step will be to consult with all other managers to ensure their agreement with the changes. Greensboro's primary concern with the JGA is that it does not adequately address water losses, which is particularly significant given the installation of a Reverse Osmosis plant and the associated increase in water loss.

Historically, the JGA has referred to the ultimate capacity of 48 million gallons per day as the raw capacity. However, in other contexts, this term is generally understood to mean 'out the door' capacity. The current revisions aim to resolve this language conflict to ensure fair treatment of water loss while maintaining each party's understood capacity. Unless there are changes, this will be based on a reservoir safe yield analysis, which would proportionately adjust the capacity for all parties involved.

Once the revisions are complete all of the various boards/commissions will need to approve the revised JGA. Mr. Flory will consult with all of the managers beforehand to discuss the changes.

Pilot Plant: Staff is gradually resolving the issues with the pilot plant. Recently, the concentrate pilot experienced a pump failure, but a replacement is scheduled for delivery next week.

Regionalization: The PTRWA recently hosted a meeting with Triad Real Estate and Building Industry Coalition (TREBIC), who expressed strong interest in partnering to advance the regionalization concept. Mr. Flory attended the Guilford Housing Summit in High Point and was pleased to see utilities recognized as a critical component in addressing housing needs.

The NCDEQ has proposed a follow-up meeting at the end of this month, building on the previous meeting we hosted, which included Senators and Representatives. They aim to expand participation in this upcoming session.

Mr. Flory will meet with Raftelis and TREBIC tomorrow to discuss the current status of regionalization. If it appears that Hazen and our team can have a productive meeting, providing clear information on the master utility plan's progress, the Authority will aim to host this meeting at the end of the month to keep the delegation engaged. Mr. Flory will inform everyone of the date if this moves forward, and

anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Randleman is proceeding with the installation of at least one temporary connection at the Ross Distribution site. They plan to add another connection, resulting in a total of two temporary connections for approximately nine to ten months. These connections will be sourced from our hydrant at the site, with meters and backflow preventers being installed.

Asheboro Water Line - Discussions are still progressing. Coordination with Randolph County Manager Zeb Holden will be needed to negotiate a contract, allowing the Authority to manage the project as a subrecipient of the ARPA Grant. The contract will need to be approved by the Board during the December meeting.

The county received grant money to establish this line, which will interconnect PTRWA's system with Asheboro. To retain their ARPA funds, the county must award the construction contract by the end of this year or designate a subrecipient responsible for completing the construction by November 2026. This arrangement pertains solely to the construction, not the ownership, of the line.

The purpose of this line is to deliver Randolph County's treated water from the Authority to the eastern part of the county. Mr. Flory stated that the Authority would require the County to transfer ownership of the line up to PTRWA's meter, which will measure the water supplied to Asheboro/Randolph. Beyond this point, it will be up to Randolph County or Asheboro to determine ownership of the line. Mr. Flory understands that Asheboro would assume ownership from the meter onward.

Water Treatment Plant- Staff are still experiencing issues with the membranes. Membrane #6, the Suez membrane, remains out of service due to high TMPs. This is the unique membrane that was installed as a pilot for comparison with the Memcor membranes that were originally installed. Suez plans to perform an autopsy to determine if an alternative cleaner can restore its functionality. Additionally, a second membrane went out of service on Friday night due to a drive or electrical issue. Staff will attempt to troubleshoot this problem tomorrow.

The new Lab Manager starts on Monday. We are looking forward to their fresh perspectives and expertise enhancing our team.

Marina- Randy Howard will be spraying for some of the invasive weeds throughout this month.

Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Next PTRWA annual meeting date – Tuesday, December 10, 2024

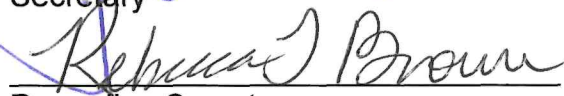
The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 12:00 noon in the PTRWA conference room.

9. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.



Secretary



Recording Secretary