

At the regular meeting of the Nelson County Service Authority held on March 21, 2024 at the Nelson County Service Authority, Administrative Building thereof:

Present: Ernie Reed, Chairman  
David Hight, Vice-Chairman  
Sergio Sanchez  
Robert McSwain  
Justin Shimp  
George Miller, Executive Director  
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: Jim Bowling, Attorney

### **AGENDA ITEM 1. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Reed informing every one of the passing of former South District Board of Directors member, Gary Sherwood. Mr. Hight spoke about his time on the Board with Mr. Sherwood and suggested in memory of Mr. Sherwood that the Nelson County Service Authority purchase some plants or trees and a plaque to help with beautifying the Tye River Park in Massies Mill.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Hight, seconded by Mr. Sanchez, with Mr. Shimp voting yes, Mr. McSwain voting yes, Mr. Sanchez voting yes, Mr. Hight voting yes and Mr. Reed voting yes the following was resolved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nelson County Service Authority Board of Directors does hereby approve \$200 to purchase perennials, scrubs and/or trees and a plaque in memory of Mr. Gary Sherwood for the Tye River Park.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2. PUBLIC HEARING-LOVINGSTON SEWER PROJECT**

Mr. Reed opened the public hearing and asked that Mr. Doug Hudgins with CHA present information about the Lovingston sewer improvements project. Mr. Hudgins presented a slideshow and reviewed information about the project. He provided information about efforts taken so far on this project including CHA assisted the Service Authority with applying for American Rescue Plan (ARPA) grant funds and did not qualify. CHA and NCSA then applied for financial assistance with USDA-Rural Development and received an offer for a grant/loan. A manhole survey of problem areas, which was approximately ½ the system has been completed. Mr. Hudgins' proposal is to camera and design this project between July 2024-June 2025. Secure right of way and/or easements then proceed with construction in 2026. He will plan to have a community meeting as we get closer to starting the project.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

On a motion duly made by Mr. Shimp, seconded by Mr. Hight, with Mr. Shimp voting yes, Mr. McSwain voting yes, Mr. Sanchez voting yes, Mr. Hight voting yes and Mr. Reed voting yes the following was resolved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nelson County Service Authority Board of Directors does hereby close the public hearing.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made by Mr. McSwain, seconded by Mr. Hight, with Mr. Shimp voting yes, Mr. McSwain voting yes, Mr. Sanchez abstaining, Mr. Hight voting yes and Mr. Reed voting yes, the following was resolved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nelson County Service Authority Board of Directors does hereby approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 regular meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5. OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Fitzgerald presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2024.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated the Lovingson Sewer improvements project is currently waiting on USDA Office of General Counsel to address some inquires from our bond counsel in reference to an agreement that needs to be created between the Service Authority and the County.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated there is no update on the Black Creek Reservoir dredging application.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Miller reported there was no progress meeting held in March for the Schuyler WWTP project. However, the contractor provided an update on the progress of the project. The Imhoff tank was pumped out and demolished. The trickling filter has been demolished. The level spreader was installed. The fence is scheduled to be installed next week at the WWTP. Most of the WWTP site has been graded and seed/straw spread.

Mr. Miller reported the progress meeting was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The engineer asked that the contractor check with their sub-contractor to provide more staff to work on the electrical installation at the headworks and fine screen building. The MBR building windows have been installed. The roof, doors and overhead door have been installed on the headworks building. The contractor is in the process of removing the sheet piling behind the headworks building. The MBR switch board is one of the main components needed to run the new plant and it is set to ship on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Miller reported the TTHM sample taken in February 2024 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive quarter that the TTHM limits were met. The Virginia Department of Health Consent Order mandated unidirectional flushing will begin next week. The next quarterly samples will be taken in May 2024.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7. SYSTEM MAPPING**

Mrs. Fitzgerald reported the Wintergreen mapping has not started; the engineering firm is waiting on additional GPS equipment to be received before beginning this area. Mr. Jay Roberts has been notified of the mapping project and he will be informing the Wintergreen property owners in his newsletter next week.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Shimp suggested that we visit the idea of purchasing of the Stoney Creek system from Aqua.

Mr. McSwain stated in Lovingson there is currently a proposed project for the Front Street/Main Street area to replace sidewalks and other renovations. Mr. McSwain mentioned that the water line will need to be marked and wondered if we have any mains in the area of the current sidewalks.

Mr. Reed stated that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors has approved a Resolution to object to the Aqua rate increase that is being proposed for the Stoney Creek water and sewer customers. The increase will be 33% for water and 21% for sewer.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made by Mr. McSwain, seconded by Mr. Sanchez, with Mr. Shimp voting yes, Mr. McSwain voting yes, Mr. Sanchez voting yes, Mr. Hight voting yes and Mr. Reed voting yes the following was resolved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nelson County Service Authority Board of Directors does hereby adjourn this meeting until April 18, 2024.

Prepared by: Dr. Lynn Hyslop