

**FLUVANNA COUNTY CITIZEN WATER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Chesser, Board of Supervisors Representative
Frank Pleva, Interim County Administrator
John Robins, Public Works Director
Vicki Karabinus, Economic Development Director
Darren Coffey, Planning and Community Development Director
Elizabeth Fortune, Planning Commission Representative
Alan Batson, Chairman FUSD Advisory Board
Richard Schwarz, LMOA
Elizabeth Franklin, Chair of Fluvanna Taxpayers Association
Dennis Holder, Fluvanna Friends of Rural Preservation
Scott Marshall, Chairman Economic Development Authority

ALSO PRESENT:

Jacques Ruch
Bill Hughes
Marvin Moss
Keith Smith
Bill Downer
Garland Nuchols
Mary Kalchbrenner, League of Women Voters
Jerry Padgent

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Mr. John Robins, Public Works Director, called the meeting of July 1st, 2010 to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse of Fluvanna County in Palmyra, Virginia.

REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT OF MINUTES

Mr. Robins asked if there were any changes to the June 24th minutes.

After general discussion and agreement on the proposed amendments, the minutes were endorsed by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacques Ruch stated that his simple question remains unanswered – why should we continue with the JRWA with Louisa County if it will cost more when we can do it alone and take our time doing a more constructive analysis. He stated that there is no immediate need for water. Additionally, he asked what is the case for economic development in the county (see attached).

Mr. Holder stated that he thought someone on the committee should answer the question. Mr. Batson stated that it was a significant question, but it had not been reviewed by the committee.

Mr. Chesser responded that the committee still needed to go through the options and measure them against the established objectives.

Ms. Franklin stated that the plans are based on assumptions that cannot be verified.

Mr. Hughes stated that no one has asked Louisa what they want to do.

REVIEW OF UPDATED FINANCIAL MODELS AND FINALIZATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Mr. Chesser gave an update of the conversations that were had at the JRWA meeting earlier on July 1st, as well as in the recent past with Louisa County officials.

Mr. Robins began to take the committee through each alternative, along with the objectives.

Committee Objectives:

1. Ensure availability of water to the Community Planning Areas (CPAs) for the long term.
- namely Fork Union, Zion Crossroads, Palmyra, Rivanna, Scottsville and Columbia
2. Ensure availability of water to primary County facilities.
3. Show that the alternative is financially viable through a cost/benefit analysis (CBA).
4. Protect the Rural Preservation Area.
5. Lowest possible current and deferred tax impact.
6. Support economic development as outlined in the Fluvanna County Comprehensive Plan.
7. Protect groundwater resources through use of surface water to provide for the needs of new development.

Mr. Robins began with an overview of the Free Enterprise plan which would supply Fork Union, state prison, and Zion Crossroads. The new analysis of this plan was based on a partnership cost sharing based on proportional usage. This assumes the infrastructure necessary to carry the larger volume of water required for a partnership. Mr. Chesser asked where Fluvanna's initial water would go. Mr. Marshall responded that it would be treated through a CDA arrangement or another private entity. The committee concurred that only the water being demanded would be pulled from the water source.

Mr. Pleva inquired about water storage for fire protection being designed into each alternative. This storage would occur on the private side of the system's development. Water tanks are a critical component to a water system. Mr. Robins responded that a small quantity of storage is built into each model. Additional storage would be provided with the provision of a treated system.

The James River to Zion Crossroads via Lake Monticello plan was described by Mr. Robins, and Mr. Holder stated that the proportional use model on this alternative is also lower cost than Fluvanna alone.

Ms. Franklin suggested that Mr. Holder's June 22nd email be entered as part of the record for the public's benefit (see attached).

The Aqua Virginia plan was also analyzed as Fluvanna alone along with a partnership with Louisa County. Ms. Franklin clarified that Aqua Virginia's purchase of Fork Union's system is not contingent on this plan, or any of the alternatives under consideration.

The next alternative is the Fork Union scenario, from the town hall meeting, where water is treated at the river and run all the way up Rt. 15 and then to the prison and Louisa. Mr. Holder stated that if this option is pursued, it will need more fine tuning. Mr. Robins responded that it would, along with all of the other alternatives.

Mr. Robins gave an overview of the Financial Indicators from the Models table to compare the Estimated Construction Cost, Maximum Tax Rate, Number of Years Until No General Funds will be Needed, Return on Investment at 40 Years, and the Maximum Monthly Tax Payment for a Home Owner with a \$250,000 house (see attached table).

Mr. Robins then reviewed the template for the Table of Alternatives and how they meet the committee's objectives.

Mr. Robins guided the committee through a detailed review of the financial models for each plan and each variation of each plan (these models are located online for public review).

Ms. Fortune asked Mr. Holder again about his analysis of the JRWA plan with no partnership with Louisa County. Mr. Robins plugged Mr. Holder's numbers into the CBA model for the committee's review and discussion.

COMPLETION OF RANKING MATRICES

The committee began to rank the alternatives to the objectives and decided that it would be more beneficial and effective to have a more general discussion of the alternatives and then have each committee member do their rankings on an individual basis.

Mr. Schwarz motioned to remove the Rt. 15 plan from consideration, seconded by Mr. Holder. The motion passed with one abstention (Chesser).

Mr. Schwarz motioned to eliminate all 50/50 plans, seconded by Mr. Marshall. The motion passed with one abstention (Chesser).

Mr. Holder reminded the committee that the County is Broke plan has several variations that need to be kept in mind.

The financial indicators table will be revised and resent to the committee.

Mr. Robins will also revise the objectives table to be filled out by each committee member. The input will be tallied for each objective to see how each alternative measures against each objective.

The committee recognized the work of the CWC Cost/Benefit Analysis subcommittee, and thanked them for their hard work.

SET AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETING

1. Discuss results of input.
2. Recommendation for the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mr. Robins adjourned the Citizen Water Committee meeting of July 1st, 2010 at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Darren Coffey.

Approved by Committee Consent on July 8th