

Floyd-Floyd County PSA  
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting  
May 9, 2024

Chairman Mike Maslaney called the Thursday May 9, 2024, meeting of the Floyd-Floyd County PSA to order at 5:30pm. In attendance were Vice Chairman Will Griffin, Director Bruce Turner, Director Linda DeVito, Director Kalinda Bechtold, Director Rick Parrish and Director Trent Cox. Others in attendance were Clerk Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola and Engineer Matt Gross.

Chairman Mike Maslaney called the public hearing on rate increases asking the Clerk to read the proposed rates. Clerk Teresa Conner read

The Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority has proposed an adjustment in its monthly water and sewer rates. The proposed rates, if adopted, will go into effect on bills sent to customers beginning of July 2024 reflecting June 2024 usage. A public hearing will be conducted pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-5136 at 5:30 pm on May 09, 2024, at the Town Office located at 208 East Oxford Floyd, VA 24091, to hear comments on the proposed rates. If anyone has a public comment and does not feel comfortable attending in person, you may submit your comment in writing and mail it to: Floyd-Floyd County PSA P.O. Box 407 Floyd, VA 24091 or email it to [floydpsa@townoffloyd.org](mailto:floydpsa@townoffloyd.org) and your comment will be read. The Floyd PSA will accept written comments up to the time of the hearing.

**Proposed Monthly Water Service Rates**

**Residential Water based on metered use:** \$28.90 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$9.22 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Commercial and Multifamily based on metered use:** \$37.86 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$12.08 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Industrial based on metered use:** \$37.86 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$12.08 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Proposed Monthly Sewer Service Rates**

**Residential based on metered use:** \$45.43 for first 3,000 gallons and \$15.15 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Commercial based on metered use:** \$91.93 for first 4,000 gallons and \$22.99 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Light Industrial based on metered use:** \$91.93 for first 4,000 gallons and \$22.99 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Industrial based on metered use:** \$91.93 for first 4,000 gallons and \$22.99 for each additional 1,000 gallons billed.

**Unmetered:** \$45.43 for the first bathroom and \$15.15 for each additional bathroom or half bath Connection and Availability fees remain unchanged.

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Teresa Conner

Administrative Assistant

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked if there were any public comments or any written comments to read aloud. There were no public bodies present and Clerk Teresa Conner said no one had called or sent email to be read aloud. Closing the public hearing at 5:34pm.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked everyone to look over the minutes for approval. Director Linda DeVito said even though she missed last month's meeting, why do we need an easement for Route 8 South and says Floyd County School Board owns. Chairman Mike Maslaney said we are researching all of our properties and its unclear what is going on down there because the map references and GIS do not match what we think we have for an Easement and what we think is on the ground, so we are still investigating. Supposedly when Janet researched this you could hardly read the document and the School Board owned that. Apparently back then they were districts set up for the schools and this is residual property left over. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion seconded by Director Bruce Turner to approve the April 2024 minutes. Roll call of members replying yes with Director Linda DeVito and Director Trent Cox abstaining. Motion passed.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked Clerk Teresa Conner to review the accounts payables. Clerk Teresa Conner reviewed them, and Director Linda DeVito asked if the AEP bill was always that high. Clerk Teresa Conner said yes with the Plant being the most. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Linda DeVito to approve the April account payables. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Clerk Teresa Conner reviewed financials stating the income was under \$37k as we have discussed all year and expenses were over \$61k. This does not include the \$50k from the Town. Below that is all the expenses that are over 20% budget and then the next line is ARPA funds which nothing has been put towards that since the RBC Bearings. Director Kalinda Bechtold asked on the account's payables why the Nursing Home and Slaughters was there but not listed on the ARPA funds. Chairman Mike Maslaney said we will transfer over the funds once the bids are in. Director Trent Cox said is the project cost in the O & M? Clerk Teresa Conner said yes there is a line item for those charges and at the time we were unsure of where the ARPA funds were going to what project. There will be a transfer of funds and then our expenses will be better. Also, for the VDH projects we have folders for each project and will be getting reimbursed for. Clerk Teresa Conner said on the financials 2<sup>nd</sup> page at bottom under capital projects it is broke down there. Vice Chairman Will Griffin asked about the current liabilities and Clerk Teresa Conner said that is what prints out in Sage. Clerk Teresa Conner said she would look and get back with him. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox, to approve the April Financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed. Clerk Teresa Conner stated that on the balance sheet in the savings account that is where the 50k from the Town went and that money is being held because we have to have reserved funds for the loan, so once that is closed, we can easily move the money over.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said all he had was update on the grant. We are still waiting on the loan documents; I sent an email to Brad asking for an update.

Attorney Janet Murrell is absent but asked Clerk Teresa Conner to mention we are still working the Commerce and Tise easements.

### **Superintendent Reports:**

#### **RBC Blower VFD:**

RBC Blower #1 VFD (variable frequency drive) is no longer operational. We called Square D, the manufacturer of the control panel and drive. They said the drive is over 20 years old and no longer serviceable for rebuilding. They are working on a quote for a replacement drive. We also contacted Capital Electric, who is a sales rep for Square D, to get a quote as well. These larger VFDs are harder to get in most cases and the lead time could be a factor in which direction we go with the drive as well as the cost. We are also looking into different brands besides Square D as an option in terms of cost and availability. I did call to get a cost on a portable air compressor if the other VFD was to fail. Horizon rental has a 185psi compressor for \$125 a day, \$500 a week and \$1200 a month. I got 3 quotes. The first one was Square D at \$22k, the second one was State Electric \$11k and the last one was \$6k through Grainger. Grainger shows in stock in now so we will check on this now.

#### **305 Oxford St.**

We received a call that the sewer was backing up into the residents at 305 Oxford St. and the homeowners had a plumber (Davind Stevens Plumbing) onsite. After arriving it was determined that the house appears to be on a septic tank instead of our sewer system. The owners have been paying a sewer bill since they purchased the house with the understanding they were connected to our sewer system. The owners are putting in a sewer pump and want to pump to our line on Oxford St. Justin is working up a quote on tapping into our line and running over to a clean out where the homeowners will connect their force main once the pumping system is installed. Since 2017 the homeowners have paid 3,697.86 in sewer cost.

#### **Updates/Notes:**

Replaced water meter at the booster pump station on 5-1-24.

Attached are Water Loss and Sewer flow I&I Percentage's

LSL Inventory update (refer to engineering report)

Nursing Home Bids received on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (refer to engineering report)

## Engineer Report

### VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects:

The Pre-Construction Conference with the Contractor and VDH has tentatively been scheduled for May 22 at 11.

### Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement:

The PSA received one bid for the pump station from Jones Road & Bridge. The bid received was significantly over the project budget. The PSA, Engineer, and Contractor are working to schedule a meeting to value engineer the project for potential cost savings. Quite a few of the prices quoted to the engineer during the estimate phase were doubled when provided to the Contractor.

### LSL Inventory

H&P has started working on the LSL project after clarification from VDH. Only 43 of over 500 letters sent out have been completed.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/6f94032dbe2c49dbbcc5b490492a6747>

### Additional Well Drilling:

The VDH planning grant has been submitted.

### Slaughters Pump Station

The project was advertised on Eva on May 2nd and sent to our contractors list. There are seven contractors that have already downloaded the plans for the project. The Pre-bid is scheduled for May 22nd at 10.

We will take a short recess and go into our joint meeting with the Town & County. The minutes for this meeting will be typed up.

Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion for adjourning. Vice Chairman Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Bruce Turner to adjourn the PSA meeting. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.