

Floyd-Floyd County PSA  
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting  
June 4, 2025

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch called Wednesday, June 4, 2025, board meeting of the Floyd-Floyd County PSA to order at 5:30pm. In attendance was Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney, Director Bruce Turner, Director Will Griffin(zoom), Director Trent Cox, Director Kalinda Bechtold and Director Rick Parrish. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner, Superintendent Teresa Conner, Attorney Janet Murrell, and Engineer Matt Gross. Director Will Griffin attended through zoom due to personal reasons but was in a remote location.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch had Attorney Janet Murrell give her report.

**Attorney Report:**

Discussion of the over-time policy was asked by Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner to be looked over. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said it appeared there had been some changes and we had reached out to VRSA who sent over the information in the board packets. The main thing we are looking at is with overtime right now our policy states that overtime will be paid at half time and half on your paycheck. In their information it says that the employee can choose to be paid for the overtime worked or earn compensation time. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said it would be nice to give them the option to pick pay or earn time. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said as of now our policy is you must use your comp time before annual, and you can only carry over 192 hours of annual time come June 30<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney asked should we look at extending the number of hours you can carry over in your annual time. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said if people are not taking their vacations, then we are overworking the crew, and you should take a vacation whether you want to or not. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney asked Administrative Assistant what the thoughts were on the comp and overtime pay question was. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said she thinks it is best to offer the employee whether they would like comp time or pay for extra hours worked. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney said we should make the comp time and annual time the same. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said as a Superintendents role come July 1, need to explain to employees this year we had all these projects going on which made taking off harder, but we need to work on taking vacations. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Director Kalinda Bechtold to allow employees to carry over 200 hours on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Director Bruce Turner, to allow employees to choose whether they want comp time or emergency call out pay for hours worked that are not overtime hours. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked everyone to look over the May minutes for approval. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve the May minutes. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the May account payables. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney said a hydrant and cut off is now \$2700 and how many of those do we need to replace? Superintendent Patrick Nicola said around 28-30 hydrants need to be replaced. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney asked what the cost would be to replace these. Engineer Matt Gross the average cost is around \$8500 per hydrant. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked what grants were available. Engineer Matt Gross said whenever they do a repair document and save the joint if there is lead pipe we can apply for grant eligibility. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said we should do a hydrant inventory, figure out priority of them from oldest to newest except for the ones that do not work. Director Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney to approve the May account payables. Roll call over members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner went over financials, however we need to recategorize items, so they are not completely accurate, but the total income is correct. We need to go back and move the new connections to the correct spot. I will have a budget correction for next month. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner asked about the contingency money was still using for sewer crossing at Mary Gardner's shop. Superintendent Patrick Nicola stated that he does not believe the manhole has been ordered yet and I will be making a call after this meeting. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve the May financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed Delinquents and stated they were little high on the actual cutoff date because a couple are businesses and the rate is higher.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Hillcrest water break:**

We received a call at 3:30p.m about a water break at 133 Hillcrest Rd. It appeared the water was coming out of the meter box. After cutting the water off, it was determined the water was flowing through the casing pipe under the road. An emergency marking ticket was called in and work began at 7pm. Once excavated both the saddle and line needed to be replaced. The days following this repair our water usage noticeably dropped, which leads us to believe this was the break we were looking for.

**Sewer overflow:**

On April 17th we received a call the manhole behind the Red Rooster was overflowing. We used the septic truck to pump it down then ran the camera but could not reach the problem before running

out of cable. Unable to reach the blockage we called Blacksburg Plumbing who schedule us first thing in the morning. We ran the septic truck throughout the night and morning preventing any further overflow. The next day it took running the Jetter through the line a few times to get it fully clear. It had gravel and other debris in it which we cleaned out from the downstream manhole. The overflow was reported to DEQ.

**221 paving projects:**

Note-VDOT is starting at Christiansburg Pike Sweeney Crossing-completed April 30th Skyline Bank Sewer connection-completed May 6th Skyline Bank Water connection and disconnect-completed May 7th 4 manholes need to be raised- week of the 12th-16th 221 water extension and service connections Nira to Food lion- work in progress daily Napa Sewer crossing-to be determined.

**Work to be scheduled:**

Sewer Tap corner of Hillcrest and Floyd Hwy N Sewer Road crossing at Woods Gap and Oak Hill Water and Sewer Taps 218 Sumpter Circle Water Tap 363 Newtown Road H&V Dilution Tank

**Updates/Notes:**

Projects Progress Report (see engineering report) Attached are Water Loss and Sewer flow I&I Percentage's

**Engineer Report:**

**1. VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects**

Route 221 - The Contractor is working on the NIRA Extension for Route 221 South Waterline project. The initial pressure test of the entire length has passed.

Well 6 – At the PSA's request, the contractor has provided a cost estimate to expand the filter building from 18x24 to 20x30 to allow for chemical pallet storage. This would be an increase of \$49,000. We would also be changing from a single door to a double door in addition to the garage door for access. VDH has agreed as this would be used for water system chemical storage that it would be a contingency approved cost.

Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Kalinda Bechtold to use the contingency money in the VDH grant to extend the size of the building and any overage would be at the cost of the Floyd PSA. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Sweeney – Contractor has completed the work in the road for the replacement ahead of the VDOT schedule.

The PSA has asked the Contractor to quote on the ground loops at the well structures and the chemical feed tanks, pumps, etc. Instead of doing work as a force account. There is a budget of \$163,500 set for these tasks. The Contractor is still working on finalizing this cost.

**2. Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement**

No Change – Waiting on materials for installation.

**3. Slaughters Pump Station:**

No significant change.

**4. WBOP Paperwork:**

The PSA and H&P met on May 29<sup>th</sup> to go over the requirements for the Waterworks Business Operations Plan that VDH has requested that the PSA complete. VDH has provided grant funding to cover this expense.

**5. VDH Applications:**

The applications were submitted and VDH has requested clarifications on a couple of items.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked was their any further business. No further business was discussed and entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Director Bruce Turner to adjourn. Roll call of members saying yes, motion passed.