

Floyd-Floyd County PSA
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting
March 12,2026

Chairman Mike Maslaney called the Thursday, March 12, 2026, board meeting to order at 5:30pm. In attendance was Vice Chairman Trent Cox, Director Will Griffin. Director Bruce Turner, and Director Rick Parrish. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Attorney Janet Murrell, and Engineer Matt Gross.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked everyone to look over the minutes from February. Vice Chairman Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Director Will Griffin to approve the February minutes. Roll call of members replying yes, with Director Bruce Turner abstaining motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner went over the February account payables. Director Will Griffin asked if we send all of our work to J & K garage. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said yes, we do. Director Will Griffin asked if Superintendent Patrick Nicola had thought about comparing it to other places. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he really did not know anyone else and that Jon with J & K would come out and get our skid steer that nobody else would. Director Will Griffin said he uses B & S with Vice Chairman Trent Cox saying he uses them to. Director Rick Parrish said he takes his personal vehicle and his daughter's partner has some heavy equipment they use Rodney Collins. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he would call around and check prices.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner went of the financials. She stated that we are \$54,475 over in revenue and \$15023 under in expenses. We have added Maint & Repair water to be over 100% in budget. Chairman Mike Maslaney asked when we do the sewer crossing that will go under Maintenance and Repair sewer. Director Will Griffin said it is where he thinks he should go. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve the financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said she received an email from VRSA regarding the water break on West Main Street and is the PSA ok with them sending them the denial letter, but it will not affect the deductible part if the PSA decides to pay that. Administrative Teresa Conner said she told them we would discuss it at the board meeting and get back to them. Attorney Janet Murrell said she thinks it is fine to send the denial letter.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner stated that there is a chlorination letter in the packet that has been sent out to all customers. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he liked it. Engineer Matt Gross said to send Lisa Crabtree the chlorination letter.

Attorney Janet Murrell had nothing to report.

Chairman Mike Maslaney discussed the grant update. Lydeana sent us an email about the Congressional Director Spending Grant. They are accepting new applications this time of year. If we apply, we were thinking of 2 water wells and Infrastructure Improvements. The reason is we can always use more water wells and Matt had those cost at half a million each. It asks how much you are asking for and then the next line is what is the minimum you will settle for. We decided for Infrastructure projects to cross Dodds Creek on the bridge because we knew that was going to cost but if we can get across the bridge, we can serve Slaughters and the people on Laurel Branch Road. We do not know when this application is due date yet, but the complicated factor here is if we do not have a charter in place we cannot apply, there are some legal complications there. Lydeana, Patrick and I had a meeting this morning about whether we should move forward and apply or wait until we have this Charter settled. If we do move forward, there will have to be a 20% match would be around \$200,000-\$300,000. They are going to want letters from whoever we get the money from saying that we agree to pledge this money for this grant. I am not making any claims here but assume it would be the County, Town and the PSA for the contribution. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he does not want to waste anyone's time, don't want to apply then have to withdraw the application. Director Will Griffin said it is going to be hard to get the Charter done by the due date, and we have not officially replied to the County yet. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he is not sure how the Charter effects this it might be they are just looking to see we

have one whether it is the extension or approved he does not know. Director Will Griffin said he knows we have 2 board members from the Board of Supervisors that put forth the 4-year charter but there are still 5 PSA board members left. If the five of us agree that it should be longer, it would be beneficial for us to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors saying the PSA Board is really encouraging a charter that is longer than 4 years. Director Will Griffin said the reason is because the PSA cannot borrow money. Vice Chairman Trent Cox said we could contact VRA and ask what charter length is substantial. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he would be a little hesitant to go VRA and say we are having a problem. Director Will Griffin said the attorney said a 4-year charter will be detrimental to long term planning. Director Will Griffin said if it is the feeling of the PSA board to have a longer charter then I think we should draft a letter. Chairman Mike Maslaney asked the board how they felt about that. Attorney Janet Murrell said if the PSA is going to stay in existence why do you need an 18 month/4-year charter. Let it be 50 again and she just understands the reasoning behind it. All the PSA board members agreed to have Attorney Janet Murrell draft a letter to send to the Board of Supervisors saying a minimum of a 10-year charter but preferably 20 years. Director Bruce Turner said he wishes that the two PSA board members that are on the Board of Supervisors would put their PSA hats on and say yes, we need to do this on the longer charter and then as a Board of Supervisors members they can discuss whatever at their meeting. Being two members of the PSA board, they should be in agreement that we need a longer charter than 4 years. Chairman Mike Maslaney said in regard to the grant we will need a match which would be an obligation. It could be a significant amount and that is his concern. Director Will Griffin said you can look at it as a 20% match but 70% of free money and that should push everyone to find a way to get the money. Director Will Griffin said he did not think that the match would be that big of an issue. Chairman Mike Maslaney said he would give Director Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch and Director Jerry Boothe a call and see how they feel and if the feedback is not good, he will probably not move forward. Director Will Griffin said he would not stop if it was \$300,000 and the PSA has \$150,000 and the Town has a pot of money, and we are saying its to big of an opportunity to pass up I feel we would get that money.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said he would keep moving forward and update once he knows more.

Chairman Mike Maslaney said because of the water situation with the Wells. We had a water technology meeting last week with me, Vice Chairman Trent Cox, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, and Devin Griffith. Chairman Mike Maslaney that he included the agenda in the board packet, and we reviewed the fracture analysis report that was done in 2005 and then the latest one that was done by Floyd County. We put together some possible well sites that we want to look at as high probability sites. Also, attorney Janet Murrell provided an old landowner letter if we needed to go on someone's property. It was a good meeting and Superintendent Patrick Nicola and Engineer Matt Gross will discuss it more.

Chairman Mike Maslaney the last thing he had was we need to start working on the budget, so I am going to have Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner work on some meeting dates for the Finance Committee that are late March or early April.

Superintendent Report

Water Tank

During the month of February, we collected our Bacteriological samples for the Chlorine loops, system and Well MPN's. The two system samples and Well 3 MPN came back positive for Coliform. We disinfected the school water tank and resampled several locations in the system and the Wells at which point all the samples came back good. However, during the process of adding Chlorine to the tank we discover the paint on the top of the water tank is beginning to peel back causing surface rust to form. Last year VDH recommended having the tank inspected and pressure washed during our inspection. We discussed it during a meeting and thought we had time to hold off on the school tank until the present projects were completed and Storkers Knob tank addressed. Since then, the mechanical level gauge cable has also rusted and broke which caused the float inside the tank to sink to the bottom. Matt and I have been looking into the inspection of the inside of the tank and reattaching the cable already but with multiple maintenance issues

appearing in the past several months, I feel we need to discuss repair options, cost and timeline.

Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he called S and Me he has not got back to me and talked with Teddy at Eastern Tank, and they quoted \$4900 washing the interior, vacuuming the sediment out, testing the inside and outside to see if it can be recoated or needs sandblasting. Engineer Matt Gross said when it comes to repainting the tank there are two options. You set a line item in the budget for this and when the time comes you pay the entire bill, the other option would be to bid out a maintenance contract which you generally pay a fee every year for 10 year contract but that contractor will come out every year and do a inspection and address any issues. Engineer Matt Gross said it would cost roughly around \$200,000 to sandblast and repaint the exterior of the tank. A maintenance contract will probably be around \$20,000-\$25,000 a year. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said it is not anything we need to address today but it does need to start being the conversations.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the leak and adjustment table that she put together in regard to the last few meetings about this topic. This was sent to Chairperson Mike Maslaney, Director Will Griffin and Attorney Janet Murrell.

Chairman Mike Maslaney asked for a motion to approve. Director Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve the new leaks and adjustments policy. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Updates/Notes

Water/Sewer adjustment Table

Projects Progress Report

Attached are Water Loss and Sewer Reports

Engineer Report

VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects Route 221

The sewer crossing is all that remains in this contract. Contractor anticipates performing the work the first week of April when asphalt plants reopen. Well 6 – The

PSA worked with the Contractor to obtain the bacti samples for the well ground loops. The Contractor is working on the concrete pads outside of the well 6 building. They are waiting on some gauges and switches for the filters to get them operational. They hope to be complete in early April.

Slaughters Pump Station:

The Contractor has submitted the submittals for this project, and they have been reviewed and returned. The Contractor is adjusting a couple of the submittals based on original comments and plans to resubmit for final approval.

Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement

The final switchover is waiting on the electrical panel and coordination of installation/service switching. Unfortunately, there is no change.

Outstanding VDH Grants:

The Health Department still seems to be positive that the Floyd package will be funded.

Well Development:

We have identified several sites and discussed them with the health department. Three sites have been approved by VDH. One additional site has not been approved yet but is a potential that is located on County owned property by the High School. Anecdotal evidence is that there are several well performing residential wells in that area. One of the next steps could be to perform resistivity testing on the sites and the PFAS funding includes adequate funds for the testing of at least one site. We have attached a copy of a similar study that was performed for well siting at the VIR raceway. A draft letter to the property owners is being prepared for the PSA. Well Testing: Hurt & Proffitt and the PSA will work together to perform and record the data for updating the drawdown testing for PSA wells.

Other Business:

Attorney Janet Murrell asked if anyone had followed up with VDOT on the reimbursement money for the paving incident. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said to her knowledge nothing has happened since a few months ago when

Superintendent Patrick Nicola and Director Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch had a meeting with them. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said they stated about giving us a check for \$2000 but we have not seen that. Chairman Mike Maslaney said Director Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch was going to follow up with VDOT, but we have not heard anything. Attorney Janet Murrell asked the PSA board if they were just going to let it sit. Chairman Mike Maslaney said that Director Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch was handling that all last year, so he guesses he will wait to hear from her.

Chairman Mike Maslaney entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Trent Cox to adjourn the PSA meeting. All board members replied yes, motion carried.