

Floyd-Floyd County PSA
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting
May 8, 2025

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch called Thursday, May 8, 2025, board meeting of the Floyd-Floyd County PSA to order at 5:35pm. In attendance was Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney, Director Bruce Turner, Director Kalinda Bechtold, Director Trent Cox and Director Rick Parrish. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Attorney Janet Murrell and Engineer Matt Gross.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch called to order the public hearing for a rate increase. 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 2025 reflecting June 2025 usage. A public hearing will be conducted pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-5136 at 5:30 pm on May 08, 2025, at the Town Hall located at 203 East Oxford Steet Floyd, VA 24091 to hear comments on the proposed rates. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked Administrative Asst. Teresa Conner if we had received anything by mail with a reply of no. There was no public body at the meeting for the rate increase. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch closed the public hearing on the rate increase.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked everyone to look over the April minutes and see if there were any comments. Attorney Janet Murrell said to change restitution to restate in her portion of the meeting minutes. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox to approve the April 2025 minutes as amended. Roll call of members replying yes with Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney abstaining. Motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the account payables for April 2025. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked about the Berglund payment. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said that was our service truck. It has an oil consumption issue that goes back to when Richard Burton was here, which should have been taken care of back then. We are too close to the warranty running out now and it wasn't done in proper intervals. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked for contact information for Berglund. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney asked what the cost would be to fix it, and Superintendent Patrick Nicola said replacing the engine. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney asked to get a quote on cost to fix it. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney to approve the April 2025 account payables. Roll call members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the financials and the changes she made to break down and simplify the financial situation. We seem to be in a good place in our checking account so we should look at opening a CD to start saving. I have discussed the with Director Will Griffin

and Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney when he was Chairman. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Kalinda Bechtold to open a \$50,000 CD for a term of 4 months. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner asked if we could close this sewer account that has \$1003.87. This has been there since I came here, and I have no clue what that was for. The consensus of the board was to transfer those funds into the savings account. Director Trent Cox made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to approve the April 2025 financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the Delinquents. This report was ran on the 25th, which is the due date and we were \$9081 in pass due bills. I also run this report on the 16th, which is the day we did cut-offs for the prior month, and we were \$344.64. The board would like to see both figures shown in different colors.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said she needs approval for the rate increase. Director Trent Cox made a motion seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney to approve the 5% rate increase. Roll call of members of replying yes, motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the health insurance for the upcoming fiscal year. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said that the County did very good with health insurance this year as we didn't have to do a huge increase like some places did. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney made a motion, seconded by Director Rick Parrish to pay 100% employee insurance. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.

Attorney Janet Murrell said the County Judge approved to use Cardinal News, so the Floyd PSA can use for advertising. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner needs to go see Kim and see how this works. There is a form online to fill out as well.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said she is still working with VDOT to get the paving extended around the corner to cover the sewer crossing. It is not looking good but I'm still trying.

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

April 17, 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 couldn't 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 12-16th**

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:

II Projects Progress Report (see engineering report)

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

Engineer Report

VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects

The Contractor is working on the NIRA Extension for the Route 221 South Waterline project. The Contractor has submitted a preliminary floor plan for the revised equipment for the Well filter building.

The contractor has made the tap for the new Sweeney waterline and located the old waterline for Sweeney. The contractor plans to complete the in-road portion of the work prior to the VDOT deadline.

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 to work as force account. There is a budget of \$163,500 set for these tasks.

Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement

PSA has started the process of obtaining 460 V, 3 phase power for the new pump station. The contractor is working to coordinate delivery of the equipment with the supplier. The contractor is working on site preparation.

Slaughters Pump Station:

No significant change.

VDH Grant Application:

H&P assisted the PSA to submit an application for \$1,262,600 from the Hurricane Helene relief funding package. This package included funding for generators for the wells; booster station; upgrading electrical boxes to NEMA 4X enclosures in well buildings; preparation of a Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Plan; establishing fire breaks around well, tank, and booster stations sites; and purchase of fire prevention equipment for PSA vehicles and facilities.

H&P assisted the PSA to submit an application for \$3,942,880 from the emerging contaminant grant package related to the PFAS found in Wells 1, 2, and 3. The application requests funds for greensand filters for wells 1, 2, and 3, as well as money to drill, develop, and connect a new well to the new system. Funding was included up to 0.75 miles of waterline to connect the proposed well to the existing distribution system.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked Superintendent Patrick Nicola to step out so the board can discuss a bonus. After discussion from the board Director Rick Parrish made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney to award Superintendent Patrick Nicola a \$12,000 bonus. Roll call of members replying yes. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said we need to move the board meeting in June to a different date. After discussion the date of June 4, 2025, would be the date for the PSA board meeting. No further business was to be discussed.

Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney to adjourn. Roll call of members replying yes, motion passed.