

Floyd-Floyd County PSA
Water/Wastewater Board Meeting
November 13, 2025

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch called Thursday, November 13, 2025, board meeting to order at 5:35 pm. In attendance was Director Will Griffin, Director Bruce Turner, Director Trent Cox, Director Kalinda Bechtold and Director Rick Parrish. Via zoom was Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney. Others in attendance were Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner, Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Attorney Janet Murrell, and Engineer Matt Gross.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said she would like to move Attorney Janet Murrell to the beginning to discuss the personnel policy. Upon discussion of the personnel policy and with Director Kalinda Bechtold's recommendations, Attorney Janet Murrell would go back and make edits and present at the next meeting.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said at the top should say October not September. Director Kalinda Bechtold said on page 3 change the word pole to poll. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Director Will Griffin, to approve the October minutes as amended. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner reviewed the account payable. Director Will Griffin said he had a general question to ask. These bills are already paid, so why are we voting on them? Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said she was not sure either maybe to see what we have done. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said she can put them in the packet so everyone can see what we paid but there would not need to be a vote on them because they are already paid. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said on the agenda going forward just list as review of account payables no approval.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner went over financials. She stated that she added the monthly interest on there per Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch's request. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked what the 33.3% in red was. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said that it was to show how far into the year we are. Director Kalinda Bechtold made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox to approve the financials. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney had asked that she put in the packet the project cost/funding analysis that was presented a couple of meetings ago with any new information. She stated that the only change was under change orders, the System Disinfection there was a credit there that dropped the \$86960.26 to 23992.30. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said

she also included the ARPA funds showing what has been spent and what remains, along with VDH disbursements.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said that Patrick and herself were going to have a meeting with Ken King from VDOT, Superior Paving, and Chris Price here in Floyd to see about getting our money. It looks like it will be the beginning of December.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said we need to discuss Christmas Bonuses before moving on. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said she doesn't know if we have the money like we have prior years to do that, she doesn't mind giving gift cards. Director Trent Cox asked what we gave last year. Administrative Assistant Teresa Conner said in the last 2 years we have gave a \$150.00 check to the 5 employees and took out the taxes. Director Will Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Trent Cox, to give the employees a \$150 bonus in the form of a check. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.

Superintendent Report

1. Water Loss

You may notice the water loss is up for the month of October. I believe this is due to an ongoing leak at Hotel Floyd that has recently been discovered, a small leak at the EMS building, water loss at the laundry mat due to vandalism, line pressure test for the County project and some finalized flushing on 221 for service line connections.

2. Updates/Notes

Devin was on out on leave from (Oct13- Nov 10) 4 weeks.

Project progress report (see engineering report)

Attached are the water loss and sewer flow I & I percentages.

Engineer Report

1. VDH Funding Water System Improvement Projects

Route 221 – Contractor has finished switching services and all pavement except for the sewer crossing. They are working to mobilize for that crossing. They are awaiting VDOT approval for the patching done to date.

Well 6 – The water system tie ins for the new building are complete. The filters and media have been delivered to site and are located in the building. The building has power, and the Contractor hopes to have the filters set up shortly. They are ordering the materials for the ground loops at Wells 1, 2, and 3.

Sweeney – The record drawings are the only item remaining on this project then we can begin project closeout.

2. Slaughters Pump Station:

No change.

3. Nursing Home Pump Station Replacement

The Contractor has set the building and made the majority of the piping connections into the existing wet well. They have cut the new stations connection to the force main. They are working towards switching over the power and station. Tencarva and the power company have both requested 2 weeks' notice.

Regarding the letter to Tencarva, they have sent the attached response and offer.

4. Additional Wells:

No Change.

5. Outstanding VDH Grants:

No Official Change but VDH has indicated that at least one is likely to be funded.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Department of Housing and Community Development: Community

Development Block Grant VDH and DEQ Virginia Revolving Loan Funds: These are normally grant/loan programs.

Virginia Resource Authority: These funds are typically restricted to Towns and Counties.

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Program: SERCAP provides limited grant funds for development of water and wastewater infrastructure for low-income rural residents.

Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission: Requests for utility infrastructure funding should serve economic development objectives and site.

Hi Matt,

I appreciate you taking the time to meet with me to discuss the Nursing Home Pump Station. We truly value our partnership with Hurt & Proffitt and the Town of Floyd, and we recognize that this project has presented some financial challenges.

Per your request, I've sought and received approval to extend a one-time credit for \$5,000.00 to help offset the impact of the contractor's change order.

To recap, the project initially included a green enclosure priced at \$244,247.32. To help maintain the project timeline, we were able to provide a deduction of \$4,452.32 by offering an in-stock gray enclosure. Once the change order for the new enclosure was executed, the submittals were returned with a "furnish as corrected," requiring modifications to convert the pumps to the eradicator configuration.

The additional parts not reflected in an updated purchase order included:

- Qty. (2) Part Number 46451-378 24150 totaling \$1,884.30
- Qty. (2) Part Number 38691-891 15080 totaling \$560.90

Before startup can occur, these parts will need to be installed in the pumps – work that falls outside of the startup procedures and was not included in the original bid price.

Additionally, the Main Gorman-Rupp pump station requires wear plates, impellers, impeller shim replacement, and wear plate impeller clearance field service work, which typically involves an overnight stay for our technician. Based on our 2025 field service rates, this would amount to \$2,286.00. Since Jody will already be onsite for the Nursing Home Pump Station startup, we will not be passing this additional cost on.

As we discussed, this is not an admission of fault, but rather a goodwill gesture to share these costs because of our strong working relationship. I look forward to working together on future projects.

Best regards,

Christian Workman, Sales Engineer

Hi Matt,

I hope you are doing well. I received the letter in the mail regarding the Nursing Home PS project and wanted to see if we could schedule an in-person meeting to review the details together.

Please let me know what day and time would work best for you. I am available on 2/27 or 2/29, and I'm also wide open on the week of November 3rd.

Thanks,
Christian Workman, Sales Engineer

The discussion of the \$50,000 at Nursing Home for the vault was discussed. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he spoke with Christian he thinks he can get us a check for \$5000 instead of having to be a credit. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked did Christian say anymore on the topic of the vault issue. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said with his discussions he did this to keep favor with us and H & P but doesn't feel that they are liable because they were never brought in the discussion until after everything that was done and he was just supplied a redesign, but no one ever told him why. He said that if he was contacted the whole redesign may not have had to happen.

Engineer Matt Gross said they were told that Lowell had multiple conversations with Tencarva trying to figure this out. Christian has no records of these conversations, and he never received anything from Lowell. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said that is putting a twist in things does not mean H & P is off the hook. Director Will Griffin asked had Bowman & Griffin had come off the hook for anything. Superintendent Patrick Nicola stated no. Director Kalinda Bechtold said her inclination would be to see if Hurt & Profitt's insurance would pay to help compensate. Engineer Matt Gross said it was addressed in the letter that they missed it in the shop drawing however they aren't liable that falls on other. Director Trent Cox said going forward, no project should be separated like this one and there is a lot of miscommunications. Director Rick Parrish asked why it would not be covered by H &

P insurance. Engineer Matt Gross said he can talk about it with his boss. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked who has direct authority to tell Lowell no, we want you to recheck things, is it Superintendent Patrick Nicola, Engineer Matt Gross. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said he did bring up the cost before anything was ever done and Engineer Matt Gross said in the contract, they accept responsibilities for making the adjustments necessary to make that equipment work. Engineer Matt Gross said he thinks there was miscommunication there on that part. Superintendent Patrick Nicola said there was never a change order, no cost given, never got anything. Director Will Griffin said he hated saying this but he thinks H & P has done the bare minimum saying we will just give the Engineer cost back. We have spent a lot of money on H & P, and we also need to go to Lowell. Vice Chairman Mike Maslaney said he agreed with Director Will Griffin that we need to talk with Lowell. Engineer Matt Gross is supposed to take this back to his boss to see about their insurance covering this issue.

Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch asked if there was any other business. Director Will Griffin said yes he wanted a follow up on the meeting with the BOS. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said we are looking at January for a meeting with the Town and County. Director Will Griffin asked just himself and Director Bruce Turner. Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch said no the whole Town Council and the whole BOS is how they wanted it.

No other business was to be discussed and Chairperson Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Bruce Turner made a motion, seconded by Director Kalinda Bechtold to adjourn the meeting. Roll call of members replying yes, motion carried.