

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
Central Arkansas Water

August 13, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of Central Arkansas Water (CAW), convened in a regular meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015, in the Board Room of the James T. Harvey Administration Building located at 221 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Present:

Dr. Roby Robertson, Chair
Mr. Anthony Kendall, Vice Chair
Mr. Jay Hartman, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Carmen Smith, Commissioner
Mr. John Braune, Commissioner
Ms. Marie-Bernarde Miller, Commissioner
Mr. Eddie Powell, Commissioner

CAW Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Graham Rich, P.E., Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Thad Luther, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Tad Bohannon, Chief Legal Counsel
Mr. Robert Hart, P.E., Technical Services Officer
Ms. Becky Linker, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Jeff Mascagni, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Dale Kimbrow, Manager of Planning, Regionalism & Future Water Source
Mr. John Tynan, Director of Customer Relations & Public Affairs
Mr. Randy Easley, Director of Water Quality & Operations
Ms. Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager
Ms. Mary Dyson, Management Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Ms. Chelsea Boozer, Reporter, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Ms. Kathleen Oleson, League of Women Voters of Pulaski County
Mr. Barry Haas, Citizen
Mr. Bernie Hochstetter, Citizen
Ms. Mary Carol Poole, Paschall Strategic Communications

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Robertson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

SERVICE PIN AWARD

Chair Robertson presented a pin to Commissioner Smith, commemorating her five years of service on the Board, and thanked her for her service.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Miller, the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hartman and seconded by Commissioner Powell, the minutes of the July 30, 2015 Special Called Meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Potential Consolidation of Maumelle Water Management (WMA)

Mr. Bohannon updated the Board on recent activities concerning the potential consolidation of MWM into CAW and stated the preliminary information looks good. Staff will present the results of the feasibility study to the Board in September. It is anticipated that if MWM Board and this Board approve the consolidation, the two systems will consolidate on January 1, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property in Lake Maumelle Watershed

Mr. Bohannon requested Board approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of approximately 40 acres located in the Lake Maumelle Watershed. The purchase price plus additional expenses associated with access rights, environmental assessment, and an appraisal will make the total acquisition cost approximately \$55,000, or \$1,375 per acre.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Smith, after due consideration and discussion, the Resolution was approved.

Resolution Authorizing CAW to Advance Money to Wye Mountain Water Facilities Board (WMWFB)

Mr. Bohannon requested Board approval of a Resolution authorizing CAW to advance WMWFB approximately \$185,000 that will be added to the current amount owed CAW from the merger at 3.25% interest. WMWFB is in technical default on its 1998 Water Revenue Refunding and Construction Bonds. Redemption of the 1998 Bonds will eliminate WMWFB debt under default and save over \$100,000 in interest and fees.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Braune, after due consideration and discussion, the Resolution was approved.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Customer Relations and Public Affairs

Mr. Tynan provided an update on utility public affairs and customer relations.

Water Quality & Operations

Ms. Lawson provided an update on matters pertaining to the watershed.

Regionalism

Mr. Kimbrow provided an update on matters pertaining to regionalism.

Finance

Mr. Mascagni provided a year-to-date financial update on utility operations.

BOARD BRIEFING

Mr. Rich provided an update on the following:

- Lake Maumelle is 1 foot below the spillway and Lake Winona is 1.9 feet below the spillway.
- CAW received the Arkansas Recycling Coalition "Government Recycler of the Year Award" for our recycling efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Commissioner Hartman, the meeting was adjourned.



Jay Hartman, Secretary/Treasurer