Minutes of the 866th Meeting "Celebrating Over 60 Years of Continuous Environmental Excellence"

Alexandria Renew Enterprises 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2019

On Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m., Alexandria Renew Enterprises held its regular Board of Directors meeting at Alexandria Renew Enterprises in the Ed Semonian Board Room at 1800 Limerick Street with the following present:

Members:

Mr. John Hill, Chairman

Mr. Bruce Johnson, Vice Chairman

Mr. William Dickinson, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. James Beall, Member Ms. Patti Turner, Member

Staff:

Ms. Karen Pallansch, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Liliana Maldonado, Deputy General Manager, Engineering & Planning Mr. Brian Mosby, Deputy General Manager, Operations & Maintenance

Ms. Lisa Van Riper, Director, Enterprise Communications

Ms. Christine McIntyre, Director of Finance Ms. Felicia Glapion, Program Manager, III Ms. Lorna Huff, Secretary to the Board

Counsel:

Consultants:

Mr. Jonathan Rak McGuireWoods, LLP

Mr. Jeff Theerman, Brown & Caldwell

Fairfax County Representative: Mr. Shahram Mohsenin, Director

Fairfax County Wastewater Planning & Monitoring Division

City Representative:

Mr. Lalit Sharma, Division Chief

Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Division

Visitor:

Mr. Dino Drudi, 315 N. West Street, Alexandria

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chairman requested that members review the agenda and inquired if there were changes. There being none, the Chairman requested a motion to approve. Mr. Dickinson moved approval and Ms. Turner provided the second. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Public Comment Period

There were no members of the public in attendance and wishing to speak, the Chairman closed the public comment period.

Closed Session

At 6:03 p.m., the Chairman moved to enter a closed session for discussion or consideration of real property acquisition for public purposes, or the disposition of publicly held property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body. Mr. Dickinson moved and Ms. Turner provided the second. The board unanimously approved.

At 6:51 p.m., the meeting returned to open session, and the following certification was unanimously adopted by the members: "Pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of each Member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Act, and (2) only public business matters identified in the motion by which this closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by Alexandria Renew Enterprises." Motion was made by Mr. Beall and seconded by Ms. Turner. All Members present voted via roll call:

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Dickinson	Aye
Mr. Beall	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

The Chairman moved the following.

Be It Resolved That the Board authorizes the CEO to execute an easement purchase agreement with RTN East, LLC as discussed in closed session with minor amendments in consultation with Counsel. Mr. Dickinson moved and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

There were no additional questions or comments and the Chairman moved to the Consent Calendar.

Consent Calendar

A. Review and Approve Minutes from the April 16, 2019 Board Meeting

Mr. Hill requested that members review the Consent Calendar containing the Minutes of the April 16 Board Meeting and the May 11 Public Hearing. Mr. Johnson reported that he worked for the City of Alexandria and not Alexandria Public Schools and requested a correction to the Minutes of the May 11 Public Hearing.

There were no edits to the April 16 Minutes. Mr. Dickinson moved approval and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

The Chairman requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11 Public hearing as edited. Mr. Dickinson moved approval and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

There being no additional discussion, the Chairman moved to Unfinished Business.

<u>Unfinished</u> Business

A. <u>Unfinished Business</u>

Review and Approve Changes to Rates, Rules and Regulations

The Chairman recognized Ms. Pallansch, she noted the presentation from the May 11 Public Hearing and inquired if members had additional questions or comments. Board members inquired about Fairfax County payments and increased social media activity regarding the proposed rate increase. Ms. Pallansch reported that Fairfax County payments do not increase based on the proposed rate increase. She further noted no increase in social media activity around the proposed rate increase. She recapped AlexRenew's communications process around notifying the public and reported that AlexRenew used social media, community meetings, and local media and bill stuffers to communicate the rate increase.

Ms. Pallansch reported that staff sends the signed resolution to Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW). GCWW staff will learn the revised Rates, Rules and Regulations. Their scripts will be updated to include the new rates and information. This process takes a few weeks. There was no rate flyer included in the last bill as there was not enough time to complete them.

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman requested a motion to approve. Mr. Dickinson moved and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND CHANGE CERTAIN RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises adopts the following Rates, Rules and Regulations schedule:

Description	Meter Size	Effective Oct 1, 2017	Effective July 1, 2019	Effective July 1, 2020
		Per 1,000 Gallons	Per 1,000 Gallons	Per 1,000 Gallons
Individually Metered Residential Service - Wastewater Treatment Charge	All Meters	\$6.77	\$7.63	\$8.50
Commercial Service - Wastewater Treatment Charge	All Meters	\$6.77	\$7.63	\$8.50
Description	Meter Size	Current Effective Oct. 1, 2017	Proposed Effective July 1, 2019	Proposed Effective July 1, 2020
Residential Base Charge	All Meters	\$9.61	\$10.83	\$12.0
Commercial Base Charge	5/8"	\$28.83	\$32.49	\$36.1
	3/4"	\$28.83	\$64.97	\$72.2
	1"	\$72.07	\$81.22	\$90.3
	1-1/2"	\$144.16	\$162.43	\$180.7
***************************************	2"	\$230.65	\$259.88	\$289.1
	3"	\$432.47	\$487.28	\$542.1
	4"	\$720.77	\$812.13	\$903.5
	6"	\$1,441.56	\$1,624.26	\$1,807.1

8"	\$2,306.50	\$2,598.81	\$2,981.40
Minimum Deposit Based on Meter Size	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Residential Customer Activation Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

This Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Adopted this ____ day of ______ 2019.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman requested a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Beall seconded. The Board unanimously approved. There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman moved to the Strategic Roundtable.

Board Strategic Roundtable - Member and Committee Reports

CSO Workgroup - Ms. Pallansch

Ms. Pallansch reported that she briefed Council on the tunnel program and status of Development Special Use Permit (DSUP).

Seminary Hill - Mr. Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson reported that staff did a good job with their presentation and noted that there is still confusion about the Alexandria Arlington relationship and the stormwater issue.

Lynnhaven - Mr. Beall

Mr. Beall reported that he attended the meeting and encouraged participants to attend AlexRenew's Rate Hearing.

Potomac Green - Ms. Turner

Ms. Turner reported that the HOA was focused on the Potomac Yard Metro issue.

<u>Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Turner</u>

Nothing to report.

Chesapeake Bay Citizens Advisory Group - Mr. Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson reported that the Group would meet Wednesday, May 22, through Friday, May 25. There are two new appointees from New York State and West Virginia. The topic will be protecting land and source water and receiving credits for Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Chesapeake Bay Commission - Mr. Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson reported that this group is comprised of 21 legislators from three states. They discussed cobenefits on investments and the expense of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

<u>US Water Alliance Meeting – Mr. Dickinson</u>

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Mr. Dickinson reported that the focus on this meeting was infrastructure and technology in the water industry. Ms. Pallansch also attended.

Finance & Audit Committee - Mr. Johnson

Nothing to Report.

Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman moved to the CEO's Reports and Recommendations.

CEO's Reports and Recommendations

A. Consideration of April 2019 Financial Report

Mr. Johnson noted that there were approximately 5 weeks left in the fiscal year. Cash reserves, debt service and overall numbers look good.

There were no additional questions or comments and the Chairman moved to the CEO Monthly Report.

B. <u>CEO Monthly Report (April)</u>

Ms. Pallansch noted her written report and reported she had nothing to add. She reported that June was AlexRenew Safety Month. She reported on Moxie's Aquatic Alcove located in the lobby was opening soon. Visitors can learn about RiverRenew

RiverRenew Dashboard

Ms. Pallansch reported that RiverRenew is on schedule. There will be some delays from the National Park Service (NPS) and the EPA due to the government shutdown. Ms. Pallansch further reported that the National Park Service has been good to work with. The Environmental Assessment (EA) is expected around the June Board meeting. After that, there will be a 30-day comment period, with a finding of no significant impact. Ms. Pallansch will forward the EA statement when AlexRenew receives it.

There were no additional questions or comments and Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Beall moved and Ms. Turner seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7;34 b.m.

APPROVED:

Secretary-Treasurer