

# WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY OF CABARRUS COUNTY

June 20, 2024

5:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County (“WSACC”) met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at the Administrative Offices. The meeting was also set up for virtual attendance administered by Zoom and streamed on YouTube.

Public access to the meeting could be obtained by calling into the conference bridge at 1-(267) 930-4000 and using the participant access code.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. Jeff Corley	Mr. Mike Legg
Mr. Rob Donham	Mr. Jonathan Marshall
Mr. Darrell Hinnant	Mr. Bob Ritchie
Mr. Randy Holloway	Mr. Lynn Shue (via video conference)
Ms. Jennifer Parsley-Hubbard	

Also present were Mr. Michael Wilson, Executive Director; Ms. Robin Moore, Deputy Executive Director Administration; Mr. Chad VonCannon, Engineering Director; Mr. Thomas Hahn, Assistant Engineering Director; Ms. Mayara Arnold, Utility Systems Engineer; Mr. Mark Fowler, Facilities Director, Mr. Thomas Jakubisin, IT Manager; Mr. Richard McMillan, PE, Town Engineer for the Town of Mt. Pleasant; Ms. Shannon Kincaid, Executive Secretary/Secretary to the Board; Mr. William Isenhour, Johnston, Allison & Hord, P.A. (“JAH”).

At 5:00 P.M., Chairman Legg called the meeting to order.

## **OATHS OF OFFICE/ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### Oaths of Office

Chairman Legg informed the Board that prior to the June 20, 2024 Board meeting, Ms. Kincaid administered Oaths of Office to Mr. Mike Legg, Mr. Lynn Shue, and Mr. Jonathan Marshall for re-appointment to WSACC’s Board of Directors for the years 2024-2027.

### Discussion and Election of the Following WSACC Board Officers for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer

Chairman Legg opened the floor for nominations of officers for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

**Mr. Ritchie made a motion to re-elect Mr. Mike Legg as Chairman, Mr. Jeff Corley as Vice Chairman, Ms. Shannon Kincaid as Secretary, and Ms. Wendi Heglar as Treasurer of WSACC’s Board of Directors. Mr. Hinnant seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### Request for Adoption of the Agenda of the June 20, 2024 Board Meeting

**Mr. Corley made a motion to adopt the Revised Agenda of the June 20, 2024 Board meeting. Mr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Request for Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2024

**Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2024. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Presentation on Alternative Wetlands Wastewater Treatment by Randy Holloway, Mt. Pleasant Town Manager

Mr. VonCannon expressed to the Board that as a part of WSACC's Facilities Plan, WSACC is exploring all options to find short-term and long-term solutions for providing wastewater capacity to Cabarrus County. Mr. VonCannon stated the Town of Mt. Pleasant believes they have found a potential project to help the Mt. Pleasant area, and the entire system, by treating wastewater in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. VonCannon then turned the meeting over to Mr. Holloway, Mt. Pleasant's Town Manager. Mr. Holloway stated that Mt. Pleasant had been discussing Alternative Wetlands Wastewater Treatment for some time, and that he and Mr. McMillan, Town Engineer for the Town of Mt. Pleasant, recently visited Walnut Cove, NC, to tour their wetlands wastewater treatment facility.

Mr. McMillan then provided a Power Point presentation including photos highlighting the wetlands treatment system in Walnut Cove, NC.

For a copy of the presentation, contact the Executive Secretary to the Board.

Proposed Legislation on Limiting Allocation Based on Scoring System

Mr. Wilson informed the Board about the most recent version of the proposed legislation of House Bill 385 that limits allocation based on a scoring system. He stated that although the proposed legislation does not directly affect WSACC, it does affect the member jurisdictions. Mr. Wilson went on to say that WSACC and JAH have been in contact with the League of Municipalities, the Association of County Commissioners, and that WSACC and JAH have also reached out to Senator Newton and Representative Crutchfield to express WSACC's concerns.

After significant discussion by the Board, it was decided by the Board to monitor the proposed legislation. There was no action taken by the Board at the June 20, 2024 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Approval of Employment Agreement for Mr. Chad VonCannon

Ms. Moore announced the Board's intention to appoint Mr. Chad VonCannon as WSACC's next Executive Director effective September 1, 2024. Following the announcement, the Board had a brief discussion regarding the Employment Agreement.

**Ms. Hubbard made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement for Mr. Chad VonCannon as WSACC's next Executive Director. Mr. Hinnant seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

Chairman Legg then shared the Board's unanimous excitement to have Mr. VonCannon serve as WSACC's next Executive Director.

## **REPORTS**

### **WSACC RRRWWTP Expansion Update and Startup Preview**

Mr. Hahn provided an update on WSACC's RRRWWTP Expansion. Mr. Hahn provided a Power Point presentation with pictures showing updates of the work to-date, which included the following information:

- RRRWWTP Expansion project status update.
- Update on the work planned for the next month.
- Update on Phase 3 Startup and Commissioning.

For a copy of the presentation, contact the Executive Secretary to the Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:06 P.M., **Mr. Ritchie made a motion to go into closed session - G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) - to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes; and closed session – G.S.143-318.11 (a)(3) - to consult with WSACC's attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege for consideration of and to give instructions to WSACC's attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action or administrative procedure; and closed session – G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) – to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions or appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Mr. Corley seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

At 6:30 P.M. **Mr. Marshall made a motion to come out of closed session. Mr. Corley seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

**Ms. Hubbard then made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote.**

The Board meeting adjourned until the next Board meeting scheduled for July 18, 2024.