

State Water Infrastructure Authority
North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
October 19, 2016, 9:00 AM
Meeting via Conference Call
Archdale Building 8th Floor Conference Room, Raleigh, NC
Meeting Minutes

State Water Infrastructure Authority Members Attending Meeting

- Kim Colson, Chair; Director, Division of Water Infrastructure (via conference call)
- Johnnie Carswell, Burke County Commissioner (via conference call; part time)
- Leila Goodwin, Water Resources Engineer (via conference call)
- Robin Hammond, Assistant General Counsel, Local Government Commission (via conference call)
- Maria Hunnicutt, Manager, Broad River Water Authority (via conference call)
- JD Solomon, Vice President, CH2M (via conference call; part time)
- Cal Stiles, Cherokee County Commissioner (via conference call)
- Charles Vines, Manager, Mitchell County (via conference call)

Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Attending Meeting

- Julie Haigler Cubeta, Community Block Development Grant – Infrastructure Unit Supervisor
- Francine Durso, Special/Technical Issues Senior Program Manager
- Seth Robertson, State Revolving Fund Section Chief
- Jennifer Haynie, Environmental and Special Project Unit Supervisor
- Cathy Akroyd, Public Information Officer

Item A. Call to Order

Mr. Colson opened the meeting and reminded the members of the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) of General Statute 138A-15, which requires that any member who is aware of a known conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters before the Authority today identify the conflict or appearance of a conflict at the time the conflict becomes apparent. A roll call was taken to identify which Authority members were present via conference call.

Item B. Attorney General's Office Report

Mr. Phillip Reynolds had no items to report.

Item C. Revised Draft 2016 Annual Report

The Division had provided the Authority with a draft revised 2016 Annual Report based on the Authority's comments received during the Sept. 21, 2016 Authority meeting. Staff reviewed the key modifications to the report. A suggestion was made to include statements that public comments had been solicited on the affordability criteria before adoption by the Authority, and that public comments are currently being solicited on the draft Master Plan. The Authority members supported this revision.

Action Item C

- Mr. Vines made a motion to approve the report for submittal by staff by November 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Solomon. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D. Master Plan Committee Report

Ms. Hunnicutt stated that the draft Master Plan was posted on the Division's website on October 17 and that comments will be accepted through November 11, allowing four weeks for comments. Staff have notified stakeholders, resource partners, and the speakers from the Authority's September 2016 meeting that the draft is ready for review, and has also circulated the announcement through the UNC-EFC NC Water listserv.

Item E. September 2016 Funding Round Application Update – Chair Colson

Mr. Colson stated that the applications received during the September 2016 funding round totaled \$425 million in requests as follows: \$66 million for CDBG-I; \$133 million for drinking water; \$202 million for clean water; \$24 million for Asset Inventory and Assessment; and 2 applications for Merger/Regionalization Feasibility. The approximate amount of funding that is available, including the Connect North Carolina bonds, is \$318 million.

Staff stated that this is the first round in which applicants for drinking water and clean water projects were not asked to indicate the specific program from which funding was requested (except for CDBG-I applications). This approach is one of the positive changes that has been made to the application and funding process, allowing funding packages to be tailored to best coordinate the use of funds available from the various funding programs administered by the Division.

Note: Mr. Solomon was no longer on the conference call starting at this point in the meeting.

Item F. Non-Recurring Appropriation to State Reserve Program: Specified Situation

The state's fiscal year 2016-2017 budget contains a non-recurring appropriation to the State Reserve Program designated to specific local government units or situations. One of the specified situations is for wastewater infrastructure improvements that meet the following three criteria:

- A municipality located in a development tier three county,
- Where the municipality has a population under 100, and
- Has been issued Notices of Violation by the County and the Division of Water Resources

The Town of Love Valley's application is the only application that meets the three criteria listed above. The Town applied during the Sept. 2016 application round for \$2.6 million for the construction of a subsurface disposal system to eliminate the existing illegal discharge of untreated wastewater. The special provision is \$400,000 for this situation. The Town stated that for the appropriated \$400,000, a portion of the needed infrastructure for the permanent solution (i.e., some of the collector sewer lines and pump station wet well) could be constructed and then utilized for the interim "pump and haul" activities to cease the illegal discharge.

Staff recommended that the Authority approve funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Town of Love Valley's sanitary sewer system to enable the Town to cease the illegal discharge as soon as possible. Staff noted that the balance of the requested funds would be reviewed by the Authority in January 2017 along with the other applications received for the September 2016 funding round.

Action Item F

- Mr. Stiles made a motion to approve funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Town of Love Valley's sanitary sewer system. The motion was seconded by Ms. Goodwin. The motion passed unanimously.

Item G. Informal Comments from the Public

Chair Colson stated that public comments could be made at this time. There were no informal comments from the public.

Note: Mr. Carswell joined the conference call starting at this point in the meeting.

Item H. Concluding Remarks by Authority Members, Chair, and Counsel

Chair Colson thanked the Authority members for participating by conference call.

Item I. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned.
