

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on May 15, 2025, at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Orange, VA.

A quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Members:	Coppage, Elliott, Johnson, Voorhees
	Staff:	G.M. Clemons, D.O. Jarrell, D.A. Gaskins, Lynn Clements
	Attorney:	Stefan Calos
	Guests:	Bryan Nicol

The agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by Elliott, seconded by Voorhees, and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

After correction in the spelling of Mr. Nicol's name, the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Voorhees, seconded by Coppage, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

During the opportunity for public comment, Bryan Nicol expressed his appreciation to the Board for the inaugural YouTube livestream of the monthly Board meeting then taking place.

There were no customer requests.

During the opportunity for Board comment, Mr. Voorhees stated that Orange County Supervisors Hale and Nicol had expressed interest in leading a delegation on behalf of RSA to discuss a grant application with the General Assembly in Richmond, so he will be in contact with GM Clemons to discuss this.

The Board then recognized Lynn Clements for his 45 years with RSA. Mr. Clements is retiring, and the Board expressed its appreciation for his service with a plaque and a standing ovation. Mr. Clements expressed his gratitude for the Board and for the opportunity to serve the public through RSA. He especially appreciated the opportunity RSA gave him to also serve as a volunteer fireman in the three counties it served over the years.

G.M. Clemons then presented a request for the Twin Lakes Section 3C consisting of 36 lots on Saffron Lane in Locust Grove to be accepted into the RSA water and sewer systems. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Elliott, on a roll call vote the Board voted to accept the section by a vote of three ayes (Coppage, Elliott, Johnson) and one abstention (Voorhees).

During G.M. Clemons's report, he noted the new streaming of RSA Board meetings on YouTube and then gave an update regarding the recent valve failure in the Lake of the Woods system. The failed valve had been installed as part of a project in 2002 with a total of eighteen 12" valves and thirty 6" valves being installed at that time. The valves were all Mueller valves, which has historically been a good brand, but Mueller, in conversation with East Manager Joe Gonzalez, stated they have encountered a problem with these valves in what they refer to as hot, or corrosive, soil conditions. GM Clemons's understanding is

that most of the soil at Lake of the Woods would not fall into that category, but RSA will be testing the soil at the site of the valve failure as well as some other areas in Lake of the Woods to determine if it would be considered corrosive. Future action will be determined based on the results of the soil tests. RSA would prefer not to have to dig up the other 47 valves but will do so if necessary. GM Clemons then reminded the Board that the June meeting would be on Wednesday, June 18, rather than Thursday, June 19, and concluded his report by stating that RSA's financial position through April was about where it would be expected to be at this time.

There was no Attorney report.

At 2:11 p.m. the Board went into closed session based on the motion made by Voorhees, seconded by Coppage, and passed unanimously on a voice vote of the Board members in attendance (See attached Motion). The Board came out of closed session at 2:21 p.m., and each Board member in attendance individually affirmed that the requirement regarding matters discussed during the closed session was met.

The Chair then asked the Board to amend the agenda to add item 6I – Consent Order. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Voorhees, the Board unanimously agreed to do so. GM Clemons then presented a consent order from the Virginia Department of Health regarding the water problem from August 2024. He indicated that he and Attorney Calos had worked on this document at length and recommended that the Board approve it. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Voorhees, the Board unanimously voted on a roll call vote to accept the document and authorize GM Clemons to sign it.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Voorhees, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

  
Chairman

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEMBERS OF THE  
RAPIDAN SERVICE AUTHORITY ON MAY 15, 2025**

I move that the Board of Members of the Rapidan Service Authority enter into closed session for the following, pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8):

**Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters related to the Wilderness Water Treatment Plant requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.**

Motion by: Voorhees

Seconded by: Coppage

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of the four Board members in attendance.

**Upon leaving the closed session and entering back into open session, please state the following:**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3712(D), (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting by the RSA board. Should any members of the board believe that there was a departure from the foregoing requirements, please so state at this time, prior to the vote, and indicate the substance of the departure that, in their judgment, has taken place.

I would ask each Board Member to certify that the foregoing requirements were met, by saying "AYE".

Coppage	<u>X</u>
Elliot	<u>X</u>
Johnson	<u>X</u>
Marshall	<u>absent</u>
Voorhees	<u>X</u>

All Board Members certified by saying "AYE", except \_\_\_\_\_