

A regular meeting of the Board of Members of Rapidan Service Authority was held on September 18, 2025, at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Orange, VA.

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

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

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

The minutes of the July 17, 2025 meeting were then approved on a motion by Marshall, seconded by Elliott, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There was no old business, no public comment and no customer requests.

During the opportunity for Board comment, the Chairman welcomed Dave Davies to the RSA Board.

D.O. Jarrell then gave a brief background of the Madison Wastewater Treatment plant that RSA would like to upgrade and expand. The current plant was built in the 1970's. RSA operated it as a contract operator from 1984 – 1990 and then took over the plant in 1994. Its current capacity is 80,000 gallons per day compared to the 250,000 gallons per day capacity of the Madison Water Treatment plant. RSA began working on a replacement of the current facility with a preliminary engineering report five years ago and put the project out to bid this past July. Three bids were obtained ranging from a high of \$12,084,900 to a low of \$9,555,344 by Patterson Construction. Post-bid conversations with Patterson resulted in a further savings of \$595,000 with no change in the scope or quality of the project and obtained primarily from pushing vendors for their best price. Mr. Coppage made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to accept the bid from Patterson Construction and to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with them for an amount not to exceed \$8,960,344. After a discussion regarding the proposed Robinson River outfall for the new plant, which is a fully separate project, the Board voted to approve the motion on a unanimous voice vote.

G.M. Clemons then presented a proposed resolution of official intent to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of a borrowing for approval by the Board. Passage of the resolution would allow RSA to begin various capital improvement projects with its own funds and to reimburse such expenditures using proceeds from the issuance of tax-exempt obligations, taxable obligations, or a combination thereof. On a motion by Coppage, seconded by Davies, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

D.A. Gaskins then informed the Board of the change in the rate that the Town of Orange will charge RSA for water purchases during the coming year. Effective October 1, the rate will drop from \$4.713 per thousand gallons to \$4.458 per thousand gallons.

G.M. Clemons then brought a report in response to the Board's earlier request to research the possible need for a communications officer. He indicated that such a position would be beneficial, especially in emergency situations. He would anticipate the first six months of such a position being used to establish communication protocols and getting things up and running, with the ability to help in other areas after that time. There is much more that RSA would like to do as far as customer engagement is concerned, and such an individual could be very helpful in that area. Board members indicated their support for such a position and RSA will begin a search for a suitable individual to fill it.

On the advice of Attorney Calos, G.M. Clemons then asked the Board to table the next item (6.H) on the agenda until after the closed session.

G.M. Clemons then gave his report. The third quarter disinfectant byproducts test results are back, and all of RSA's systems are in compliance. This is especially significant because the third quarter is usually the most problematic in this regard. RSA is on sound footing financially. Budget preparation for 2026 will begin shortly, and the budget will be presented to the Board in December. He then asked D.A. Gaskins to give a brief update on the construction of the East office building. At this point, basically just the flooring, the setting of plumbing fixtures and some outside concrete work is remaining, and he hopes that the building will be ready for occupancy in mid-late October.

Attorney Calos then gave his report. He had previously indicated that RSA might receive additional compensation regarding the PFAS class-action lawsuit, and an additional check was recently received. He does not know if there will be any further payments but indicated that RSA's cost in pursuing a possible claim had been more than recovered by the payments received.

On a motion by Marshall, seconded by Elliott, at 2:25 p.m. the Board unanimously voted to go into a closed session as permitted by the Code of Virginia to discuss the possible acquisition of real property. Upon leaving the session at 3:15 p.m., Board members individually certified that only permissible topics had been discussed during the session. **See attached motion and certification.**

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Coppage, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.


Chairman