

**MINUTES OF THE
EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

A recessed meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority was held on Monday, April 30, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Members present:

Bob Panek, Chairman
Artie Miles, Vice Chairman
J. T. Holland
Henry J. Heneghan, Jr.
Granville F. Hogg, Jr.
Joe Stevens
John Reiter
Carl Harris

Members absent:

Felton Sessoms

Others present:

Katherine H. Nunez, County Administrator & Executive Director
Janice K. Williams, County Administrator's Office
Northampton County Board of Supervisors
Bruce D. Jones, Jr., County Attorney
Chris Thompson, Va. Dept. of Housing & Community Development
Lisa Atkinson, Deputy Director, VDHCD
Eyre Baldwin, Webster Investors
Rosemary Bosworth, Webster Investors

Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum:

The Chairman called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

Webster Investors Presentation

The PSA heard a presentation from Mr. Eyre Baldwin and Ms. Rosemary Bosworth, representing Webster Investors, with regard to regional water issues, specifically at the former Webster property near Cheriton, and the need for water and sewer capability in order to attract economic development to the County. They also suggested the need to provide services to some

of the residential areas near the Webster property. They suggested that the County should partner with them to have a feasibility study conducted in order to take advantage of this very valuable asset. It was noted that the remaining work tasks to be completed to bring the Webster wells on-line would jeopardize the chances of enticing prospective firms to locate here. Work done to date resulted in findings of no salt-water intrusion and good pressure at the site.

At the request of DHCD officials, the Chairman updated the group on the PSA's efforts to date and progress on the regional wastewater system Northern and Southern Nodes, and the PSA's priorities based on its charter and the difficulty of obtaining sufficient grant funding to yield affordable service rates.

When questioned by Mr. Harris, Mr. Baldwin indicated that the Webster site had been cleared by EPA. Mr. Hogg indicated that he was interested in the numbers quoted by Mr. Baldwin for County residents currently living without indoor plumbing. He also questioned any precedents set for collection of surface water vs. groundwater and suggested that perhaps this idea could be researched by the feasibility study.

When questioned by Mr. Hogg, Ms. Bosworth and Mr. Baldwin noted that of the six wells on the site, four had been closed; two remain active.

Mr. Miles questioned the need for two feasibility studies: one for water and one for wastewater – the discharged product. Mr. Panek agreed, indicating that this “was a package deal.” DHCD representatives stated that this may be difficult and that they may look to the County for a contribution.

Following a question from the Board, the Chairman received consensus from the PSA that it was agreeable to working with the County on a DHCD planning grant application for a feasibility study. It was noted that since part of the property is located within the incorporated limits of the Town of Cheriton, it would be desirable for the Town to partner in this effort so that service to the entire site could be considered under the maximum grant amount available from DHCD.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Sessoms and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was recessed at 7:00 p.m.