

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING  
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MCRWASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NC TELECENTER  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Williamston met in special called session on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 3:00 P. M. in the NC Telecenter, Williamston NC. This was a joint meeting with the Martin County Board of Commissioners and the MCRWASA Board.

**PRESENT**

Mayor: Joyce Whichard-Brown  
 Commissioners: Mayor Pro Tem Al Chesson; Commissioners Ronell Rodgers, Jerry Knox, William Coffield and Alton Moore  
 Town Administrator: John O'Daniel  
 Town Clerk/MCRWASA Secretary: Christina Craft  
 R. J. Mozeley – McGill Associates  
 Julia Byrd – McGill Associates  
 County Manager: David Bone  
 Martin County Commissioner Board: Board Chairman Tommy Bowen and Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond Jr.; Commissioners Ronnie Smith, Elmo Butch Lilley, Joe R. Ayers, and Jessica Godard, Clerk to the Board.  
 Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority Board: Chairman David Bone, Director Tommy Bowen, Board Director Al Chesson, Board Director Stacy Stalls, Board Director Julius Patrick, Board Director William Coffield (alternate) and Christina Craft, Secretary to the Board.

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

The Mayor called the Town Board meeting to order. Martin County Commissioner Chairman Tommy Roberson called the Martin County Commissioner meeting to order. MCRWASA Chairman David Bone County Commissioner Dempsey Bond lead the Pledge of Allegiance and County Commissioner Chairman Tommy Bowen gave the invocation.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

The Mayor asked if there were any adjustments to the Agenda or if the Board wished any items to be removed or added the Agenda. *It was moved by Commissioner Chesson, seconded by Commissioner Knox to approve the agenda as presented.*

**PRESENTATION OF MCGILL WATER STUDY**

David Bone, Martin County Manager and the MCRWASA Chairman, introduced McGill Associates representatives R. J. Mozeley and Julia Byrd. The Town of Williamston Board of Commissioners, the Martin County Board of Commissioners and the Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWASA) held a joint meeting to review the McGill Associates water study findings. The Town of Williamston and Martin County jointly contracted McGill Associates to provide professional engineering services to perform a third-party testing and evaluation of drinking water purchased from Martin County Regional Water and Sewer Authority (MCRWASA) and the associated water distribution systems for the Town and County. Martin County Manager and the MCRWASA Chairman Bone reported if any members of the three boards had questions to feel free to question throughout the presentation. R. J. Mozeley and Julia Byrd presented the water study results. The study included assistance coordinating three rounds of water sample collection from fifteen sites throughout the water treatment, storage and distribution system. Three rounds of testing were performed of which, two rounds of testing were performed in the summer months. The collection sites were selected based on citizen complaints received prior to when the new water treatment plant began operations. The tests performed included the required federal testing additional tests such as color, turbidity, total organic carbon, dissolved organic carbon, taste and odor compounds, orthophosphate, alkalinity, dissolved metals (lead and copper), hardness, and heterotrophic plate count and iron reducing bacteria.

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The Town and County's combined water distribution systems consists of approximately 97 miles of distribution system line and 1.475 million gallons of water storage/ and approximately 167 miles of distribution lines and 0.2 million gallons of storage respectively. Current design stands recommend finished water storage facilities should have sufficient capacity for daily consumption, and where fire protection is provided, fire flow demand.

The study showed that all drinking water samples met all state and federal requirements. There were low-level odor compounds noted in the summer months which were well below the allowable limits. Mr. Mozeley offered the four recommendations for water quality improvements to include further sampling and testing of taste and odor compounds within the water treatment plant, optimization of pre-treatment potassium permanganate system to provide extended contact time for oxidation, hydraulic modeling of the town of Williamston distribution system to monitor water age and evaluate lowering water levels in storage tanks to facilitate improved tank turnover, and lastly, distribution system rehabilitation (pigging, etc. on a regular basis). Commissioner Chesson reported that no system is 100% and questioned how the MCRWASA water compares with other facilities. Mr. Mozeley reported that the water is in the 70-80% range with 100% as perfection. The system is not mismanaged or overly problematic and is on par with other systems throughout the state. Many of the lines are old and oversized in places. Mr. Mozeley recommends establishing a Capital Improvement Plan based on the hydraulic modeling of the distribution system to replace aging lines.


**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

  
Christina Craft, Town Clerk

Approved By:

  
Joyce Whichard-Brown, Mayor