

**State Water Infrastructure Authority**  
**North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**  
**October 9, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**State Water Infrastructure Authority Members Attending Meeting via Conference Call**

- Kim Colson, Chair; Director, Division of Water Infrastructure
- Melody Adams, Director, Rural Grants/Programs, Rural Development Division, NC Dept. of Commerce
- Leila Goodwin, Water Resources Engineer
- Maria Hunnicutt, Manager, Broad River Water Authority
- Dr. Bernadette Pelissier
- Charles Vines, Mayor of Bakersville
- Juhann Waller, Principal, JC Waller & Associates, PC

**Division of Water Infrastructure Staff Attending Meeting via Conference Call**

- Cathy Akroyd, Public Information Officer
- Francine Durso, Special/Technical Issues Senior Program Manager
- Jessica Leggett, Project Manager, Environmental and Special Projects Unit
- Jennifer Haynie, Environmental and Special Projects Unit Supervisor
- Jon Risgaard, SRF Section Chief

**Department of Justice Staff Attending Meeting via Conference Call**

- Jill Weese, NC Department of Justice; Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Division

**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 which states 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 is required to identify the conflict or appearance of a conflict at the time the conflict becomes apparent.

**Item B. Attorney General's Office Report**

Ms. Weese had nothing to report.

**Item B. Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Colson stated that as a part of the Viable Utility work the Division is doing, a committee within the Authority have been set up to assist the Division. Staff is still gathering information from other agencies and entities and once there is more information the committee will meet. Mr. Colson also added there is no legislative update. The General Assembly is still meeting but no bills have been passed regarding our programs.

**Item C. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Report**

Ms. Durso stated that at the Authority's meeting on Sept. 11, 2019, the Authority had suggestions for changes to "Part 4 – Recommendations" of the draft annual report, particularly focused on Recommendation 2 regarding preempting the Authority's prioritization and award process. Following the meeting, staff received written comments from Authority members, and these comments have been incorporated into the revised draft report. The following changes are presented today:

- Recommendation 2 has been re-worded and streamlined to better convey the Authority's concerns about the pre-allocation of project funds. A new graphic, Figure 7, has been added to show the comparison between FY 2018-19 appropriated funds (\$12.3 million) and, out of the \$12.3 million, the amount of project funds pre-allocated by the General Assembly in FY 2018-19 (\$6.9 million).
- Recommendation 3 has been added to make the General Assembly aware of the potential need for additional staff for both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of State Treasurer to administer the Viable Utility Reserve.

**Action Item C:**

- Ms. Goodwin made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2018-2019 Annual Report. Dr. Pelissier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item D. Concluding remarks by Authority Members, Chair and Counsel**

Mr. Colson stated that the Authority's FY 2018-19 Annual Report would be presented as a chapter in the Division's annual report to the legislature. Once the Division's annual report is finalized, it will be emailed to the Authority members.

Ms. Leggett reminded the Authority that the next meeting will be held on Dec. 11, 2019.

**Item E. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned.