

ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING**

Masons Cove Elementary School Gymnasium

3370 Bradshaw Road, Salem, VA 24153

April 15, 2021

6:00 p.m.

The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority met this day, April 15, 2021, at 6:05 p.m. at the Masons Cove Elementary School Gymnasium, 3370 Bradshaw Road, Salem, Virginia 24153, the sixth meeting for the calendar year 2021.

OPENING CEREMONIES

- Call to Order:** Chair Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll call was taken.
- Members Present:** Steve Bandy, Doug Blount, Dan O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens and Mike Tyler
- Members Absent:** Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Pete Peters, Jeffrey Powell and Dan Webb
- Guests:** Steve Fijalkowski, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Supervisors and Martha Hooker, Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor
- Staff Present:** Dan Miles, Chief Executive Officer; Steve Barger, Director of Operations, Jeremy Garrett, Operations Manager and Peggy Bishop, Board Secretary
- Requests to Postpone Add to or Change the Order of Agenda Items**
None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Meeting – Facilities Project Improvements: Transportation Corridor and Smith Gap Landfill Construction Projects

Mr. O'Donnell outlined a Power Point presentation explaining the background of the steps taken by the RVRA Board to finally arrive at the decision to convert from rail to trucking.

Mr. Miles reported the track will be pulled up by the end of this week and all rail ties will be pulled by the end of next week. The Authority made the decision to widen the service road with a four foot utility corridor that would enable water, force main discharge and broadband to be installed in the future.

Williby Road crosses over the transportation corridor; it will not be shut down during construction. During the 124 days of construction until substantial completion of the project, leachate tankers will be on Bradshaw Road via North Fork Road to I-81 arriving at the Salem Transfer Station for discharge. Upon substantial completion of the service road, the leachate tankers will also travel the new road as will the rock trucks. Paving the service road is scheduled for completion by early fall. The contractors are allowed to work Monday through Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Upon completion of the road, traffic will run Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. –

5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (although currently, the Authority is not planning on working Saturday). The Authority is trucking waste to the New River Resource Authority during the construction of the road.

There will be an average of 50 tractor trailer trucks over a ten hour day with a 25 mph speed limit; gated access controls on both ends and no Jake brakes allowed. There will be a 4-way stop sign at the Williby crossing for acclimation of the new intersection. After acclimation, the intersection may be converted to stop signs on Williby Road only. Emergency services will have access and in the case of flooding, residents will be allowed temporary access to the service road.

Robin Garrett expressed several concerns including the impact of the leachate tankers and rock trucks on the Montgomery side of Bradshaw Road, the extra weight on the bridges, safety of the neighborhood children, wildlife, pollution of the Roanoke River. Other participants voiced concerns of the noise level and air pollution.

Mr. Fijalkowski asked whether the leachate trucks could use the Roanoke County side of Bradshaw Road during the 124 days of construction. He also asked the RVRA Board if they would extend the Property Value Protection Program to affected Montgomery County citizens. Mr. O'Donnell said this issue had come up a few times at the Board meetings and that he would be in favor of it.

ADJOURNMENT

At around 7:20 p.m. the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy L. Bishop
RVRA Board Secretary