

MINUTES PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY June 24, 2025

The Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) met Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 12:00 noon in the PTRWA Conference Room, 7297 Adams Farm Road, Randleman, NC. Chairman Rich Glover called the meeting to order.

Present:

Mr. Rich Glover

Mr. Robert Bald Mr. Lewis Dorsett

Ms. Melissa Allred Blalock

Mr. Darrell Frye Mr. Thomas Phillips Mr. David Parrish Mr. John Bencini Mr. Dennis Mabe

Absent:

Mr. John Thomas

Welcome, by PTRWA Chairman Rich Glover

Mr. Glover welcomed the PTRWA Board members and guests.

1. Approval of May 13, 2025 PTRWA minutes

Mr. Glover asked if there were any revisions to be made in the May 13, 2025 minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bald, and carried unanimously to approve the May 13, 2025, PTRWA minutes as presented.

2. PTRWA FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #1 Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Mr. Flory provided a brief overview and explanation of the Authority's financial report for the period of July 2024 – June 2025.

Mr. Flory presented the proposed amendment for the PTRWA FY 2024-2025 budget. The amendment covers the receipt of unbudgeted interest revenue received during the year and the use of additional fund balance. The following categories have been modified to reflect the necessary changes:

Revenue Accounts

Contract Lab - increase of \$9,367

Unappropriated Fund Balance – increase of \$ 500,000

Expense Accounts

Laboratory/Monitoring/Education – increase of \$9,000 (to reflect actual expenditures)

Regionalization – increase of \$500,000 (to reflect actual expenditures)

Bond Debt Service/Interest - increase of \$367

Motion was made by Ms. Blalock, seconded by Mr. Bencini, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt the proposed PTRWA FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

3. Adoption of Resolution to Restrict Funds FY 2024-2025 Budget Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Mr. Flory indicated that the proposed resolution continues the intent of the PTRWA to accumulate funds to allow for the future replacement of aging facilities and equipment which are integral to the water treatment process. Absent the adoption of the resolution, the FY 2024-2025 budgeted, but unspent, funds would just accrue unrestricted in the PTRWA's fund balance. The FY 2024-2025 restricted funds total \$830,000 as follows:

Capital Reserves	\$525,000
Membrane Replacement	\$270,000
Buffer/Reservoir Enhancement Protection	\$ 35,000

Motion was made by Mr. Bald, seconded by Mr. Parrish, and carried unanimously to approve and adopt the resolution establishing FY 2024-2025 restricted funds in the amount of 830,000 from the PTRWA's fund balance.

4. Public Hearing and Adoption of PTRWA FY 2025-2026 Budget Rich Glover, PTRWA Chairman

Mr. Flory outlined the changes in the final proposed budget as follows:

- Professional Services was increased \$105,000 for Lobbyist and Corrosion Control Study
- Insurance was increased \$10,000 (increased coverage for plant)
- Equip/Equipment Rental was increased \$65,000 (mini excavator purchase)
- Vehicles (Fuel) was decreased \$65,000 (to retract Warden Truck purchase moved to FY24-25)
- Sludge Handling/Maintenance was increased \$5,000
- Uniforms was increased \$2,500 (to account for new employees)
- Maintenance & Repair Reserve was decreased \$47,500 (to balance budget)
- Capital Reserves/Outlay was decreased \$75,000 (to balance budget)
- Regionalization was increased \$500,000
- Bond Debt Service/Interest was increased \$150,000 (for BAN interest for)

- Marina Sales changed to 194 days from 195 days for a decrease of \$450
- Interest Income/Other Income was increased \$450 (to balance budget)
- Unappropriated Fund Balance \$650,000 was added (for regionalization study and to allow PTRWA to pay BAN interest in this fiscal year, it will be reimbursed by the partners in the next fiscal year)

Mr. Flory also explained the proposed contract laboratory fee schedule. Changed to 13% surcharge on all outsourced samples to cover our administrative cost. \$20 collection fee + \$1 per mile round trip (pickup fee 30-mile radius) that would be approved with the budget. Marina fee schedule that would be approved with the budget. There were no changes from the prior year in the marina fee schedule.

Mr. Glover asked for a motion to open the public hearing on the PTRWA FY 2025-2026 budget, as required by the NC Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Motion was made by Ms. Blalock, seconded by Mr. Frye, and carried unanimously to open the public hearing.

No one was present to speak on the proposed budget. Mr. Glover asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the PTRWA FY 2025-2026 budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bald, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Bald, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and carried unanimously to adopt the proposed PTRWA FY 2025-2026 budget as well as the laboratory and marina fee schedules.

5. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Prices for Expansion of JFK Water Treatment Plant from 14.7 MGD to 26.7 MGD **Gregory Flory, Executive Director**

Mr. Flory reminded the Board that the PTRWA Design-Build Project Pre-Construction Contract and associated pricing (Phase I) was approved at the April 9, 2024 meeting. Phase I includes the design of the expansion and advanced treatment system for the water treatment plant and will progress both the expansion and advanced treatment design through the 60 percent phase and allow for the development of a guaranteed maximum price for each aspect of the project. This phase also incorporates pilot scale testing of membrane technology and the advance treatment waste system to allow for this design to progress to the 60 percent design phase. Permitting of both the expansion and advanced treatment facilities to allow for construction will also be accomplished as part of this phase of the project. It is expected that funding for this portion of the project will ultimately come from bond financing that will be obtained for the entire project.

Mr. Flory presented a proposed 60% Design Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in the amount of \$89,293,400. The current estimate excludes sludge treatment capacity upgrades; the focus remains on interim improvements that will sustain operations until regionalization plans are finalized. He spoke with Greensboro, Archdale and Jamestown regarding the GMP and Greensboro who is contributing the largest portion to the project indicated that they had expansion funded at up to \$100 million in their current capital improvement plan. The current schedule for expansion would have the additional capacity coming online in 2028.

Motion was made by Mr. Bencini, seconded by Mr. Bald, and carried unanimously to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Prices for Expansion of JFK Water Treatment Plant from 14.7 MGD to 26.7 MGD will not exceed \$89,293,400.

6. Construction Updates Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Advanced Treatment: Mr. Flory presented an update on the advanced treatment component of the Design Build project, focusing on the design of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) facility. The board discussed potential changes to PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) regulations and how these may impact the project. Adjustments to ensure compliance with anticipated regulatory updates were considered. Mr. Flory shared that he and three staff members had recently visited two RO plants in California, with plans to visit a third facility. These site visits are intended to inform design and operational decisions for the local RO facility. The project timeline was reviewed, highlighting key milestones and expected completion dates. The board also discussed the importance of securing a wastewater—discharge permit, including the steps required and its critical role in advancing the project.

Mr. Flory noted that by the time action is taken on the RO facility 60 percent Guaranteed Maximum Price, additional data may be available regarding potential funding from the multi-district litigation resettlement, which could influence financial planning for the project.

7. Executive Director's Report Gregory Flory, Executive Director

Regionalization: Mr. Flory expressed concern regarding the composition of the regionalization committee. The board engaged in a discussion about the importance of thoughtful selection of committee members. It was agreed that the committee chairs would determine membership, with input from a small advisory group.

Mr. Flory informed the board that he had met with representatives from Oak Ridge, Summerfield, Archdale, and Jamestown to discuss their interest in regionalization.

Mr. Flory informed the board the meeting with Congressman Hudson went very well. Congressman Hudson stated he will meet with his federal delegation about regionalization and work to organize a meeting with the entire delegation and PTRWA representatives in Washington D.C. tentatively in the late fall timeframe.

<u>Legal Claims</u>: Mr. Flory informed the board of potential legal claims related to PFAS contamination. He had previously discussed the matter with the PTRWA attorney several months ago but chose not to pursue it at that time. The issue was recently raised again by an attorney working on behalf of the City of Greensboro, highlighting

the possibility of pursuing legal action under CERCLA claims for PFAS contamination in the reservoir. Mr. Flory recommended tabling a decision on this matter for now, citing potential impacts on existing partnerships and the unknowns regarding current settlement negotiations and ultimate treatment and disposal strategies. The board agreed with this recommendation.

Asheboro Water Line Project: Mr. Flory updated the board on the Asheboro water line project, noting that it is progressing and expected to go out for bid next month. The board discussed the importance of awarding the contract promptly, emphasizing the necessary steps to finalize the agreement and initiate construction. Mr. Flory also noted the potential need to reschedule the Board Meeting to August 19 in order to approve the bid package.

<u>Operations:</u> Mr. Flory reported to the Board that the plant had to be shut down for approximately 10 hours two weeks ago to replace the raw meter. He also noted that additional shutdowns are expected in the future.

Mr. Flory reported that he had recently learned of discolored water issues in Archdale and High Point. He will coordinate with local officials and staff to investigate the cause and determine appropriate corrective actions.

Mr. Flory also reported that the City of Asheboro is facing a lawsuit related to PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane contamination. He will schedule a meeting with Asheboro representatives to gather more information and assess any potential implications to regionalization discussions.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There is no new business.

Recording Secretary

10. Next PTRWA meeting date – Tuesday, August 12, 2025

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 12:00 noon in the PTRWA conference room.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Secretary