

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 15, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on February 15, 2017 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Chairman Beaton presided. Present from the Board were Messrs. Blackmon, Flanagan, Foti, Pappastergion, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Carroll and Cotter were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Steven Remsberg, General Counsel, Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer, John Vetere, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, and Bonnie Hale, Assistant Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 18, 2017, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Presentation of 2016 Extraordinary Service Awards

Mr. Laskey reported that the MWRA Employee Recognition Program had been reinstated, and thanked the members of the Employee Recognition Committee that reviewed nominations for the Extraordinary Service Awards. The following recipients that went above and beyond their routine responsibilities in service to the MWRA were chosen as winners: (1) The School Lead Testing Program team (represented by Shonesia Davis, Chemist I, Cara Seaman, Mike Delaney, and Stephen Estes-Smargiassi for the entire

team) for quickly developing and implementing a program that processed over 25,000 tests on samples from 290 schools in 35 communities; and (2) Robert Ellis, John Flaherty, and Bill Harris for their quick thinking and heroic actions to help their colleagues escape without serious injury from the Nut Island Headworks Facility after an explosion triggered a serious fire and heavy smoke in the lower level of the facility. (Additional details and a list of contributing employees are on file with the records of the meeting.)

APPROVALS

Transmittal of the FY18 Proposed Current Expense Budget to the MWRA Advisory Board

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve transmittal of the FY18 Proposed Current Expense Budget to the MWRA Advisory Board for its 60 day review and comment period.

Appointment of Proxy for Fore River Railroad Corporation

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted that the MWRA Board of Directors, as holder of all voting rights of all the issued and outstanding shares of stock of the Fore River Railroad Corporation, appoint Kathy Soni, with the power of substitution, to vote as proxy at the next annual meeting and any special meeting of the stockholders for the Fore River Railroad Corporation in accordance with the form of proxy presented and filed with the records of this meeting. In addition, the MWRA Board of Directors directs the proxy to elect the following board members: Thomas J. Durkin, Godfrey O. Ezeigwe, Michele S. Gillen, Lisa R. Grollman, Michael J. Hornbrook, Frederick A. Laskey, Brian Peña, Steven A. Remsberg, John P. Vetere, and John J. Walsh.

Redundancy for the Metropolitan Tunnel System

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the MWRA staff-preferred alternative of construction of northern and southern deep rock tunnels from the Hultman Aqueduct and MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel to the Weston Aqueduct Supply Main 3 and to the Southern Spine water mains for the purpose of providing redundancy for the Metropolitan Tunnel System (City Tunnel, City Tunnel Extension and Dorchester Tunnel) and to direct staff to proceed with preliminary design, geotechnical investigations and Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review of the project.

Approval of the Affirmative Action Plan

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Affirmative Action Plan effective for a one-year period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

PCR Amendments – February 2017

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve amendments to the Position Control Register, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Project Manager, Process Monitoring, Deer Island Treatment Plant

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Nicholas Zechello to the position of Project Manager, Process Monitoring (Unit 9, Grade 25), at an annual salary of \$89,433.09, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Business Systems Analyst III, MIS

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Ms. Janice Costa to the position of Business Systems Analyst III (Unit 6, Grade 12), MIS Department, at an annual salary of \$107,851.37, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Long-Term Energy Supply Alternatives Analysis, Deer Island Treatment Plant: Burns & McDonnell, Contract 6963

Consideration of this item was postponed.

Oxygen Generation Services, Deer Island Treatment Plant: Solutionwerks, Inc., Contract S562

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract S562, Oxygen Generation Facility Services, Deer Island Treatment Plant, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Solutionwerks, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$1,929,750, for a term of 1,095 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Nut Island Headworks Odor Control and HVAC Improvements Inspections, Evaluations, Design, Construction Administration and Resident Engineering Services: Hazen & Sawyer, PC, Contract 7517

There was general discussion of questions raised at the Wastewater Policy and Oversight Committee regarding the wide difference between the Engineer's Estimate and the proposals received. A staff memo providing additional details was passed out and is on file with the records of the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, in that such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigating and negotiating positions of the Authority, and, further, to consider the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect to security.

It was stated that the meeting would return to open session solely for the consideration of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session at 2:05 p.m. and adjourned.

Approved: March 15, 2017

Attest:



Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary