

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those participating were Board Members Ms. Syliva Wilson, Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Ms. Theresa Kail-Smith, Mr. Harry Readshaw, Mr. Darrin Kelly, Mr. Paul Klein, and Ms. Emily Kinhead (absent). Also participating in the meeting were Ms. Williams, Ms. Buys, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Fantoni, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Clark, Ms. Motley-Williams. Messrs. Michael Lichte, Doug Jackson, Phil Cole, Timothy Prevost, (Authority Staff), Max Junker (Babst Calland), and Andrew Potts (Jacobs)

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments for this meeting.

Sylvia Wilson stated there was an Executive Session before the start of this meeting, and no votes are taken during Executive Session.

Tim Prevost, Manager of Wet Weather Programs, and Andrew Potts of Jacobs presented the GROW program update with a slide presentation. ALCOSAN developed the GROW program in 2016 to provide financial and technical support for our customer municipalities and sewer authorities. There are four pillars of ALCOSAN's Clean Water Plan: Plant Expansion, Regionalization Tunnel System, Regionalization, and GROW. The goals of the GROW Program are to provide funding for design and construction directly related to source reduction projects. In the beginning eligible project types were Inflow and Infiltration reduction (I/I), Direct Stream Inflow Removal (DSIR), Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI), and Sewer Separation (SS). The current GROW Project Status is: 91 Completed/21 Performance Evaluation/13 Under Construction/35 Design and 18 projects were rescinded or declined. In February and March, potential applicants will submit Letters of Interest to ALCOSAN for grant consideration. In the month of April, the GROW team carefully evaluates all letters of Interest and takes into consideration the objectives outlined in the GROW program guidelines. The guidelines are reviewed annually for modifications to ensure program efficiency. Once the Solicitor provides a legal review of the proposed changes, the changes are then presented to the Green Committee for discussion and recommendation.

Karen Fantoni, Director of Finance, presented the 2023 Operating Costs and Revenues compared to the budget. For the full year on a cash basis, we have collected 110% of the budgeted revenues and expended 91% of the budgeted expenditures through the end of 2023, on a cash basis. We continue to operate in a sound fiscal manner.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented the 2024 Capital Budget Status Report. There is \$231,000,000.00, is our 2024 Capital budget. There has been \$14,500,000.00, spent through January with this is a template to track our costs through the year.

Report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of construction change orders within the contingency included with Board Approval at the time of Contract Award as authorized by Resolution No. 2022-03-04:

1. No. 3, under Contract 1759-P, "ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility," from SSM Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$14,724.00. These costs are associated with rerouting of the domestic and laboratory waterlines due to interferences with other utilities and fixtures. The original amount of the contract was \$3,068,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,011,631.42.

Report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of construction change orders less than \$30,000.00 and cumulative total change order value to date of less than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. No. 3, under Contract 1723-E, "North End Facilities" from Bronder Technical Services, in the amount of \$6,865.80. These costs are associated with moving conduit in effluent sample building the was an impediment to personnel access and relocation of a power source for the railroad monitoring equipment due to the unanticipated rebuild of the RAS pump stations. The original amount of the contract was \$3,455,555.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,488,354.80.
2. No. 2 (Final), under Contract 1728-P, "Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pipe and Pump Replacement," from First American Industries, Inc. for a contractual time extension of 535 days due to the impacts associated with the redesign and execution of the demolition and construction of the four RAS pump stations. The original amount of the contract was \$242,000.00. The final value of the contract including this change order is \$245,278.83.
3. No. 4, under Contract 1729-H, "East Headworks," from SSM Industries for an amount of \$3,352.00. These costs are associated with adding four fireproof dampers in the HVAC system, required per code. The original amount of the contract was \$1,985,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$2,019,611.00.
4. No. 1, under Contract 1782, "O&M Building 4th Floor Windows and Roof Parapet Repairs" from Caliber Contracting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$7,398.00. These costs are associated with additional caulking along the atrium glass, credit for roof flashing no longer required, and new windowsills to fix additional leaks. The original amount of the contract was \$598,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$605,398.00.
5. No. 2 (Final), under Contract 1782, "O&M Building 4th Floor Windows and Roof Parapet Repairs" from Caliber Contracting Services, Inc., for a credit in the amount of \$18,912.50. These costs are associated with a credit for repairs to damaged wall panels and a time extension to reflect actual completion dates. The original amount of the contract was \$598,000.00. The final value of the contract including this change order is \$586,485.50.

Upon motion by Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Boad approved the Board Meeting minutes of December 14, 2023.

Upon motion by Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board considered authorizing payment of invoices in excess \$20,100.00, processed during the period of December 5, 2023, to January 16, 2024, and review the summary report of expenses in excess of \$10,900.00, processed during the same period.

Upon motion by Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Paul Klein, the Board awarded the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1796 "Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite" to Univar Solutions USA, Inc. at the price of \$1.60 per gallon.

Upon motion by Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Paul Klein, the Board approved the following contract:

2. Contract No. 1798 "Furnish and Deliver Caustic Soda for Demineralization Unit Regeneration" to Univar Solutions USA, Inc. at the price of \$0.366 per pound.

Upon motion by Paul Klein, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contracts:

1. Contract No. 1799, "Solids Thickening and Dewatering Improvements"
2. Contract No. 1800, "Wet Weather Pump Station"
3. Contract No. 1801, "Ohio River Tunnel Substation 23kV and 13.8kV Switchgear Pre-Purchase"

Upon motion by Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board approved the following change orders that exceed \$30,000.00, in value or whose cumulative total value with previously approved change orders is greater than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. No. 11 (Final), under Contract 1728-G, "Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pipe and Pump Replacement," for Kokosing Construction in the amount of \$254,305.00. These costs are associated with miscellaneous repair items for existing valves, a credit for unused crack repair, replacement of the roofs in three stair towers, and other direct costs associated with the re-build of the West RAS Pump Stations. A time extension is also included. The original amount of the contract was \$14,166,850.00. The final value of the contract including this change order is \$16,944,550.97.
2. No. 6 (Final), under Contract 1728-E, "Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pipe and RAS Pump Replacement," for Wellington Power Corporation, in the amount of \$200,000.00. This final change order addresses direct costs associated with the redesign and execution of the demolition and construction of the four RAS pump stations. A time extension is also included for these impacts. The original amount of the contract was \$3,683,000.00. The final value of the contract including this change order is \$4,162,911.57.
3. No. 2, under Contract 1728-H, "Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pipe and RAS Pump Replacement," for Guy's Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$76,850.85. These costs are associated with the redesign and execution of the demolition and construction of the four RAS pump stations. Work includes temporary HVAC equipment and relocating split systems. The original amount of the contract was \$1,128,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$1,213,350.85.
4. No. 17, under Contract 1723-G, "North End Plant Expansion" from Mascaro Construction Company, Inc., for a credit in the amount of \$2,361.00. The credit is for an approved substitution of the product to coat the interior of the sanitary manholes. The cost addition is associated with supporting a recently installed electrical duct bank. The original amount of the contract was \$94,124,350.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$108,673,657.42.

*The items denoted with an asterisk (\*) were reviewed by the Professional Service Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on November 30, 2023. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

\*Upon motion by Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam and seconded by Paul Klein, the Board approved the following Service Authorizations for Professional Consultants. Assignment is based on consultants past efforts. Knowledge and understanding of the tasks involved and the availability of the consultant's staff to perform the tasks in the time required:

1. For T2 Utility Engineers, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$902,000.00 to perform the scope of services for the Underground Utility Locating Services.

\*Upon motion by Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 340 for Gannett Fleming for work associated with the Final Design Services for the Oakdale Pump Station and Sewer Replacement Project for an amount not to exceed \$759,430.00.

\*Upon motion by Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board authorized payment of \$60,000.00 to Babcor Packaging Corporation for the purpose of Business Dislocation Damages.

Upon motion by Paul Klein, and seconded by Theresa Kail-Smith, the Board approved the Election of Officers.

Chairperson:	Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam
Vice Chairperson:	Emily Kinkead
Treasurer:	Sylvia Wilson
Secretary:	Harry Readshaw
Asst. Sect./Asst. Treasurer:	Darrin Kelly

Ms. Arletta Williams concluded the meeting with the acknowledgement of Ms. Sylvia Wilson being a phenomenal chairperson and it being an absolute honor and pleasure working with her while her tenure as ALCOSAN Board Chairperson. Ms. Williams also made acknowledgement of the moment of history being made today with the recognition of the first time, within ALCOSAN history, the shift of Chairperson from one African American woman (Ms. Sylvia Wilson) to another African American woman, (Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam).

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 22, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.