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## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:54 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those participating were Board Members Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Ms. Emily Kinkead, and Mr. Harry Readshaw. Absent from the meeting was Ms. Theresa Kail-Smith, and Mr. Paul Klein, and Mr. Darrin Kelly. Also participating in the meeting were Ms. Arletta Scott-Williams, Ms. Kimberly Kennedy, Ms. Michelle Buys, Ms. Karen Fantoni, Ms. Jeanne Clark. Messrs. Michael Lichte, Douglas Jackson (Authority Staff), and John McCreary (Babst Calland).

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments for this meeting.

Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam stated there was an Executive Session before the start of this meeting, and no votes are taken at that time.

Lisa McAnany, President of the Board for the Community Alliance of Spring Garden East. This is a recognized community organization for neighborhoods in the North Side where the access shaft #1 will be located. Ms. McAnany wanted to introduce herself to our Board and give us information about their organization. The Community Alliance of Spring Garden East is a volunteer organization located on the North Side. This neighborhood is struggling and has not recovered from the construction of 279 and suffers from residential and commercial plight. The neighborhood is a very diverse community and wants to be supportive of this important project for ALCOSAN. The community appreciates Ms. Kim Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, for her transparency and acceptability of the neighborhood. The neighborhood has some concerns about potential for noise, vibration, and the air quality impact.

Karen Fantoni, Director of Finance, reports we are 66.7%, through the year as of the end of August. We have spent 62% of our operating budget and have collected 70% of our budgeted revenues. We continue to operate in a sound and fiscal manner.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented the WWTP Expansion Cost Report. In our packets was the dashboard for the plant expansion, and we have a value of work completed at \$273 million. Under the original contract award, we have \$340 million of our plant expansion contracts awarded; however, there will be a bid opening next Friday for the solid thickening and dewatering improvements project, so when we report on this again, this number will be prepped up a little further. There is a number in the line item but that is the pre-purchase of the centrifuges that was done earlier this year. When we bring the projects to the Board in October for recommendation for award, the cost of the centrifuges will be added in.

Douglas Jackson, Director of Operations and Maintenance, gave an update on ALCOSAN winning the silver award from the 2023 NACWA Operations. Each year the National Association of Clean Water Agency issues out to members that are part of the organization Peak Performance awards based on permit compliance. We are proud to receive the silver award from the agency.

This year the 'Spirit of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 2024 Honoree' was Jeanne Clark, Director of Governmental Affairs. Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Board Treasurer, shared with us the importance of the Amendment giving women the right to vote. In Allegheny County there is an organization that recognizes women who have been very busy to further the movement and one of those women is our own, Jeanne Clark.

Kimberly Slater-Wood, Acting Manager of Communications, gave a recap of this year's Award-winning Annual Open House. The Open House was on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 9:00am-4:00pm. The weather was beautiful, and we had an amazing time with our communities with educational opportunities, family, food and fun. This year we had new exhibits, such as: Out of the Box Labs, Moonshot Museum, Carnegie Science Center returns and many others. Frankie the fish got a new makeover this year and as always, a big hit with our visitors. This year we had 1600, visitors which is an increase from last year, 23 full capacity plant tours and 7 full capacity lab preview tours.

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 Resolutions No. 2022-03-04:

- 1. No. 8, under Contract 1759E, "ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility" from Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$10,983.39. These costs are associated with electrical changes required to address PLI comments from the final electrical inspection. These Include elevator lobby lights reprograming, changes to fire alarm pull stations, and additional room occupancy sensors. The original amount of the contract was \$3,382,700.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,528,229.43.
- 2. No. 8, under Contract 1759G, "ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility" from Hudson Companies for a credit in the amount of \$410,174.22. These costs are associated with FRP wall protection in the janitor's closet, additional ADA ramp, changes to the pedestal mounted outlets on lab cabinets, adding a concrete apron at the entrance, grade adjustment on existing manholes for asphalt paving. This change order also includes credits for unused unit prices and for uninstalled gutter downspouts. The original amount of the contract was \$16,732,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$16,664,313.78.
- 3. No. 4, under Contract 1759H, "ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility," from Guy's Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$36,689.02. These costs are associated with adding emergency stop buttons for the boilers and re-routing exhaust flues for hot water heaters. The original amount of the contract was \$9,098,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$9,196,445.17.
- 4. No. 6, under Contract 1759P, "ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility," from SSM Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,969.00. These costs are associated the addition of a condensate drain for the building's humidifier. The original amount of the contract was \$3,068,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,032,325.42.
- 5. No. 3, under Contract 1760G, "CSO Bypass and Disinfection," from Kokosing Construction in the amount of \$421,537.31. These costs are associated for the demolition of the old EFW vault, adding handrail and grating to improve access, misc. changes to the chemical

system piping and sump pumps, rerouting of the sample pump drain, adding vapor barrier to the chemical building foundation, pre-drilling through the existing ash pit foundation to allow for ACP installation, and assistance during river flooding events in April. This also includes a credit for chemical tank resin changes. The original amount of the contract was \$77,465,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$78,168,033.27.

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

- 1. No. 1, under Contract 1723H, "North End Facilities," from Hranec Sheet Metal Inc. for a no cost time extension of Substantial Completion #1 (Final Disinfection System) to December 31st, 2024. The original amount of the contract was \$1,896,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$1,896,000.00.
- 2. No. 1, under Contract 1723P, "North End Facilities," from Guy's Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$7,093.49 with a time extension of Substantial Completion #1 (Final Disinfection System) to December 31st, 2024. The costs are associated with an additional gate valve required for fire hydrant isolation, and a credit for switching from ductile iron to PVC gate valves associated with the sump pumps. The original amount of the contract was \$818,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$825,093.49.
- 3. No. 2, under Contract 1787, "Miscellaneous Storage Tank Demolition and Replacement," from Simakas Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,358.00. These costs are associated the replacement of the anti-siphon valve located on the No. 2 fuel oil system's suction line with a threaded tee and the addition of a manual ball valve. The original amount of the contract was \$1,253,003.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$1,287,210.50.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the Board approved the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 25, 2024, and August 29, 2024.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Harry Readshaw, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess \$23 200.00, processed during the period July 16, 2024 to September 16, 2024, and review the summary report of expenses in excess of \$12,600.00, processed during the same period.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the Board has awarded the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1805 "Emergency Sewer Televising Contract 2024 - 2025" to Robinson Pipe Cleaning at the price of \$943,541.50, which includes the base contract bid of \$857,765.00 and a 10% contingency of \$85,776.50

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw, and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contract:

- 1. Contract No. 1811, "Furnish and Deliver Lime"
- 2. Contract No. 1812, "2025 Sewer Inspection and Cleaning Contract"

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wison, and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, 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. 19, under Contract 1723G, "North End Plant Expansion" from Mascaro Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$436,457.00 with a no cost time extension of Substantial Completion #1 (Final Disinfection System) to December 31st, 2024. The costs are associated with changes to the diffusers in the CCT, RAS piping in the tunnel, piping changes for the sampler, heat trace changes, added bulkhead to block off existing pipe penetration, and adding solenoids to chemical flushing lines. This change order also includes credits for curbs and fencing changes. The original amount of the contract was \$94,124,350.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$109,174,945.42.

Upon motion of Ms. Emily Kinkead, and seconded by Mr. Harry Readshaw, 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. 6 (Final), under Contract 1739E, "Electrical Distribution System Upgrade" from Sargent Electric Company for a credit in the amount of \$129,842.01 and a time extension of the final completion date to October 31, 2024. This final change includes pricing for removal of arc chutes, extra foreman time required for the ductbank construction due to unforeseen utility obstructions, deletion of voltage monitoring and credit for unused bid items. The original amount of the contract was \$9,490,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$9,946,536.87.

Upon motion by Mr. Harry Readshaw and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the Board approved the following Service Authorizations for Professional Consultants. Assignments are based on consultant's 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 H.F. Lenz Engineering, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$244,383.00 to perform the scope of services under Capital Project S-492 for the Miscellaneous HVAC Improvements Project.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the board awarded the evaluation and design of the Solar Power Generation for the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building to McKim & Creed and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

Upon motion of Ms. Emily Kinkead and seconded by, Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the board awarded the final design of the Allegheny River Tunnel to WSP USA Inc. and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

Upon motion by Mr. Harry Readshaw and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead the board approved modification of Service Authorization 350 to AEWORKS to for a 6 month no cost time extension to complete the services during construction scope of work for Contract 1759: ALCOSAN Environmental Compliance Facility.

Upon motion of Ms. Emily Kinkead and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the board approved municipal source control projects for Cycle 9 under the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program and provide successful applicants with a Grant Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the board approved the Cycle 10 Program Guidelines in a form recommended by the ALCOSAN Board of Directors, Green Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Harry Readshaw and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the board approved the modification to the Grant Agreements for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program by extending the Term of contract.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the board adopted Resolution No. 2024-09-01 authorizing the acquisition by condemnation of certain interests in real property within a parcel of real estate located in the City of Pittsburgh, 19th Ward, Tax Map ID No. 6-C-130, or the purchase thereof in lieu of condemnation in the amount of Two Hundred and One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$201,200.00).

Upon motion of Ms. Emily Kinkead and seconded by Mr. Harry Readshaw, the board adopted Resolution No. 2024-09-02 authorizing the acquisition by condemnation of certain subterranean easements for real property located in Allegheny County, Tax Parcel ID Nos. 8-D-98, 43-D-255, 43-D-275, 43-H-50-01, 9-A-177, 9-A-214, 9-A-216, 9-A-218, 43-M-50, 8-F-82, 8-F-82-A, 43-M-5, 9-A-191, 8-F-83, and five unassessed parcels, or the purchase thereof in lieu of condemnation.

Upon motion of Ms. Emily Kinkead and seconded by Ms. Sylvia Wilson, the board adopted Resolution No. 2024-09-03 authorizing the condemnation of all or a portion of five parcels of real estate located in the Borough of Emsworth at Tax Parcel ID nos. 213-G-57, 213-G-58, 213-G-55-0-1, 213-G-55-0-59, and unassessed, or the purchase thereof in lieu of condemnation.

Upon motion of Ms. Sylvia Wilson and seconded by Ms. Emily Kinkead, the board authorized payment of \$172,238.52 to condemnee Babcor Packaging Corporation representing the appraised value of certain personal property not retained by condemnee and relating to Allegheny County Court of Pleas Case No. GD 23-004519.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on October 24, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.