MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Board Members Mr. Corey O’Connor; Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Mr. Jack Shea and Mr. John Weinstein participated by telephone; Mr. Harry Readshaw did not participate. Also in attendance were Mr. Max Junker (Babst Calland), Ms. Williams, Ms. Buys, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Oliver, Ms. Clark, Ms. Fantoni, Messrs. Jackson, and Vallarian, and Ms. Preston.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Executive Session was held this afternoon at approximately 4:00 p.m. to discuss pending legal issues (Note: votes are never taken during the Executive Session).

Ms. Karen Fantoni, Manager of Accounting, reported on the 2020 Operating Costs and Revenues. Ms. Fantoni was pleased to announce that half way through 2020 the authority spent almost 44% of the budgeted expenditures and collected almost 47% of the budgeted revenues. Ms. Fantoni advised that the Authority has supplied the mid-year financial results to the trustee as required by the trust indenture.

Ms. Kim Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, provided a status report on the 2020 Capital Budget. Since her status report in May the Authority has spent another $5,000,000.00. The primary spending is related to the wet weather plant expansion and the interim wet weather planning projects associated with the Clean Water Plan implementation.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2020.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of $20,100.00 processed during the period of June 13, 2020 through July 15, 2020 and reviewed the summary report of expenses in excess of $10,900.00 processed during the same period, a copy of which will be made part of these minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Gilliam, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contract:

Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved the following contracts that fall under the multi-prime rule in PA:


Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Dr. Gilliam, the Board approved the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1731, “Furnish and Deliver Sulfuric Acid,” to Sal Chemical at the price of $0.16 per pound. The Authority uses approximately $15,000 annually.

Upon motion of Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board approved the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1732, “Furnish and Deliver Sodium Bisulfite,” to JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. at the price of $0.1111 per pound. The Authority uses approximately $90,000 to $140,000 annually.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Dr. Gilliam, 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. 2, under Contract 1715G, “Temporary Hypochlorite Storage and Feed System - General” from Kokosing Construction, for the amount of $28,700.00. This includes work to reroute piping to allow clearances for future demolition work under a different project. The original amount of the contract was $656,900.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is $690,677.02.

The items denoted with an asterisk (*) were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on July 9, 2020. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.

*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Wilson, the Board approved the following Service Authorization for Professional Consultants. Assignment is based on consultants’ past efforts, knowledge, and understanding of the task involved and the availability of the consultants’ staff to perform the tasks in the time required:
1. For GAI Consultants, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed $44,700.00, to provide additional engineering support services during the on-going stack testing.

*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Shea the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 302 for Jacobs (formerly CH2M Hill), under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services for an additional six (6) months no cost extension of services, to continue to provide services for the Green Stormwater Infrastructure/Source Control Program Manager. The delay is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Wilson the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 350 for AEWorks, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services to perform additional design services for the build-out of the 3rd floor and additional utility location verification for the Laboratory/Industrial Waste Facility in the amount of $115,760.00.

*Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Gilliam the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 335 for HDR Engineering, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services to perform services during construction and for additional scope items completed during the design phase for the Return Activated Sludge Pipe and Pump Replacement project for an amount not to exceed $1,630,710.00.

*Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Gilliam, the Board approved modification of Service Authorization 327 for McCormick-Taylor, under the agreement for Communication Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed $25,000.00, to provide technical support through December 31, 2020. If no technical support is required, no costs will be incurred.

Ms. Williams informed the Board that the Authority’s annual Open House is scheduled for September 12, 2020. While this year’s Open House will be different from past years she encouraged everyone to participate on September 12 by going to ALCOSAN.org.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on September 24, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:46 p.m.