

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Board Members Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Ms. Brenda Smith, Mr. Harry Readshaw, Mr. John Weinstein; Messrs. Corey O'Connor and Jack Shea did not attend the meeting. Also in attendance were Messrs. Chip Babst (Babst Calland), Mark Scally (Hatch); Ms. Williams, Ms. Clark, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Tamilia, Mr. Inks, Ms. Mellinger, Ms. Slater-Wood, Ms. Sanchioli, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Mannella, Ms. Marunczak, Ms. Crowe, Mr. Prevost, and Ms. Croom (Authority staff).

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No visitors requested to speak during the public comment period.

Mr. Bill Inks (Director of Finance and Administration) summarized the Operating Costs and Revenues as compared to the budget for the third quarter of 2018. As of October 31, 2018, the Authority has collected approximately 82% of the budgeted revenue, expended about 75% of its budgeted operating expenses, and as the end of the year approaches, the Authority is in excellent financial condition.

Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2018.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of \$20,100.00 processed during the period of October 16, 2018 through November 5, 2018, 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. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contracts:

1. Contract No. 1708, "Furnish and Install New Air Compressors in Energy Recovery Facility"
2. Contract No. 1711, "Annual Interceptor Cleaning Contract"

The following change orders exceed \$30,000.00 in value or the cumulative total value with previously approved change orders is greater than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved Change Order No. 1, under Contract 1680, "Chimney Rehabilitation," from Pullman Power, for the amount of \$247,080.00 for additional unit price work associated with the Mortar Joint Repointing quantity, a contract time extension and an additional demobilization/remobilization. The original amount of the contract was \$728,987.43. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$976,067.43. Ms. Williams stated that while this change order is substantial it is a good expenditure (*demolition would have been far more costly*); the change order was reviewed by the Authority's Solicitor. The Board was informed that additional work on the chimney is necessary and a request for additional funds will be presented at a later date. While the base bid for this project included what was thought to be a conservative estimate of 60,000 linear feet of repointing; it was discovered after work commenced the quantity in need of mortar joint repointing was actually 88,000 linear feet.
2. Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved Change Order No. 1, under Contract 1659A, "Annual Interceptor Cleaning Contract," from Independent Enterprise Inc., for the amount of \$844,455.00 to perform emergency repairs on the subaqueous interceptor between M-44 junction and M-44-02. This change order also includes the addition of 120 calendar days for delays due to wet weather conditions and increased time for the emergency repairs. The original amount of the contract was \$2,592,965.00 and the contract time was 365 days. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,437,420.00.

The items denoted with an asterisk () were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on November 1, 2018. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

*Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board awarded a professional services contract for the Plant Electrical Distribution System Upgrade, Capital Project S-468, to Quad 3 and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

*The motion to approve the following Service Authorization for Professional Consultants was brought by Mr. Readshaw and seconded by Ms. Wilson. Ms. Smith voted to approve the motion. Mr. Weinstein voted against approval. The motion carried and the Service Authorization was approved by the Board. Assignment is based on consultant's past efforts, knowledge, and understanding of the task involved and the availability of the consultant's staff to perform the tasks in the time required:

1. For McCormick Taylor, under the agreement for Communication Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed \$394,371.44 to perform the scope of services for the ALCOSAN Website Redesign. The Board was informed that this fee is within the Authority's budgeted amount. Ms. Smith commented that somehow she did not notice the fee for this project during discussion of the budget for Communication, she is somewhat taken back by the fee probably coming from the nonprofit world.

She is “really expecting something pretty spectacular from our new website . . . it is a hefty fee. . . especially in light of the fact that we also have the other site, the 3 Rivers Proud site that we are doing some interesting things on.” Mr. Weinstein agreed with Ms. Smith that it is a substantial fee and stated, “while he is in full support of redesigning the website \$400,000 is . . . seems extremely high.” Ms. Williams informed the Board that both sites will be rolled into one ultimate website. Mr. Readshaw recommended that since there seems to be some concern, as progression of services takes place on this project, the Board is kept abreast of those progression of services; Ms. Williams avowed this would be done.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board agreed to modify the Grant Agreement for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program by extending the Term of the Contract. This item was reviewed by the Green Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on November 8, 2018 and the Committee unanimously approved and recommended this information for submission to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with PennDOT in a form approved by the solicitor for their improvements to the Fleming Bridge (*aka the Neville Island Bridge*) in Stowe Township and the resultant relocation of ALCOSAN diversion structure O-01. This project involves relocation of a retaining wall that PennDOT needs to replace in the process of the work they are required to perform.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority, in a form acceptable to the Solicitor, regarding allocation of funds from Trafford Borough. Mr. Babst noted this agreement involves the defining of the service area and resolves issues concerning payment of allocated funds from Trafford Borough to ALCOSAN.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on December 13, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:49 p.m.