MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Messrs. John Weinstein, Greg Jones, Jack Shea, Harry Readshaw, Corey O’Connor, and Ms. Brenda Smith of the Board; Messrs. Chester Babst and John McCreary of Babst Calland, Messrs. Tim Dupuis and Ed Kluitenberg of CDM Smith, Mr. Mike Ryder of Hatch Chester, Ms. Williams, Messrs. Tamilia, Borneman, Inks, and Jackson, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Sanchioli, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Slater-Wood, Ms. Mary Mannella, Ms. Susan Mannella, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Croom, Ms. Mellinger, Messrs. Sulanowski, Meyer, Prevost, and Gallo.

The Chairperson asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Williams gave a special tribute to Mr. Joseph Bianco. Mr. Bianco was a political strategist, former Robinson Township commissioner, and consultant at Management Engineering Corporation whose regular attendance at ALCOSAN Board meetings spanned nearly 25 years. Ms. Williams reminisced about how this “gentle man with a heart of gold,” and affectionately referred to as “Uncle Joe” would bring pastries for everyone and how he rarely missed attending a Board meeting. Mr. Bianco was a “class act and a good man” and will be remembered for his kind and gentle spirit, pleasant smile, and work ethic. His legacy was to work hard and play hard, but only in that order. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Mr. Bianco.

The Chairperson noted that an Executive Session was held at 3:30 p.m. to discuss pending legal issues.

Two guest speakers Ms. Tassi Bisers (Clean Rivers Campaign) and Ms. Kathleen Krebs who signed up to give public comment were invited to address the audience. In summary, Ms. Bisers and Ms. Krebs expressed sincere gratitude to the Board for conducting a regional stormwater study. Both commented that this study does a successful job in identifying the ongoing challenges our region faces in the area of stormwater runoff and sewer overflow.

Mr. Inks (Director of Finance and Administration) reported on the 2017 Operating Costs and Revenues. The percentage of annual budget used to date is 37.7% of the projected budget. Mr. Inks noted that the Authority is in good standing and operating in a sound manner.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 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 as follows:

1. No. 10, under Contract 1642G, “New Vehicle Maintenance Facility, General,” to MASCO Construction Co., Inc., a net increase in the amount of $22,445.00 for two
unrelated changes: a) an increase in cost to terminate three abandoned six inch diameter water service lines in Preble Avenue that served the former uses of the site; and b) a credit to install a standard roll-up garage door in lieu of the specified high speed door for one of the bay areas in Building No. 1. The original amount of the contract was $6,284,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order and previous change orders is $6,392,881.04.

2. No. 11, under Contract 1642G, “New Vehicle Maintenance Facility, General,” to MASCO Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of $4,114.00 for two unrelated changes: a) to modify the perimeter fencing, posts and hardware at the entrance of the site; and b) to add concrete sidewalk between the curb and building around the north side of Building No. 1. The original amount of the contract was $6,284,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order and previous change orders is $6,396,995.04.

Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2017.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Readshaw, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of $18,500.00 processed during the period, May 9, 2017 through June 12, 2017; ratified the action of the Executive Director in paying utility bills processed during the period and reviewed invoices between $10,000.00 and $18,500.00 processed during the same period, a copy of which will be made part of these minutes. After reviewing the list of invoices, Mr. Weinstein recommended that the Authority develop a comprehensive plan and cost comparison analysis to convert the Authority’s fleet to non-fossil fuel dependency versus purchasing/leasing a new fleet as life expectancy is reached.

The Board considered bids received on June 8, 2017, under Contract No. 1634, “Squaw Run Force Main Replacement.” Bids were received from S.E.T., Inc., Independent Enterprises, Inc., W.G. Tomko & Son, Inc., Advanced Contracting Inc., and Independence Excavating. Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the contract to S.E.T., Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority’s specifications at the price of $986,449.07.

The Board considered bids received on June 8, 2017, under Contract No. 1654, “Regulating Structure C-54 Improvements.” Bids were received from Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc., Frank J. Zottola Construction, Inc. and Osiris Enterprises. Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the contract to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority’s specifications at the price of $204,800.00.

The Board considered bids received on May 23, 2017, under Contract No. 1659A, “Annual Interceptor Cleaning Contract.” Bids were received from Independent Enterprises, Inc. and Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the contract to Independent Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority’s specifications at the price of $2,592,965.00.
Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contracts:

1. Contract No. 1681, “Furnish and Deliver Sodium Bisulfite.”

The following items were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on June 19, 2017. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board approved the following Service Authorizations 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 Gannett Fleming, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed $30,120.00, to provide additional construction management and resident inspection services for Capital Project No. S421 – New Vehicle Maintenance Facilities.”

2. For Hatch Chester, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not to exceed $37,505.00, to provide design and bidding assistance services for Phase II Green Stormwater Infrastructure in Bausman Street, McKinley Park area of the City of Pittsburgh.

Upon motion of Mr. O’Connor, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the following modification for Service Authorization 264 for MARC USA to implement the next phase of Strategic Communications support at a fee not-to-exceed $975,000.00. Ms. Williams informed the Board that this amount includes payment for services already performed as well as services provided through the end of 2017. Additional funding requests for future phases of this initiative will be submitted at a later date.

Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board awarded a Professional Services Contract to Gannett-Fleming for Capital Project No. S429 – “Construction Management and Resident Inspection Services” for “Contract 1667 CIPP Rehabilitation for Portions of the Saw Mill Run and Allegheny Interceptors and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

Upon motion of Mr. Readshaw, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded a Professional Services Contract to CH2M Hill for Capital Project No. S455 – “Green Infrastructure Program Manager” and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board awarded a Professional Services Contract to Wade Trim for Capital Project No. S432 – “Preliminary Planning” and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a fee. The Board was informed that six firms submitted proposals for this project.
Upon motion of Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board awarded a Professional Services Contract to Conduent for “Internal Employee Benefit Portal Development and Maintenance” and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a fee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.