

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those present were Board Members Ms. Brenda Smith, Messrs. Harry Readshaw, John Weinstein; Mr. Corey O'Connor participated by telephone, and Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Messrs. Greg Jones, and Jack Shea did not attend or participate in the meeting. Also in attendance were Messrs. Chip Babst (Babst Calland), Michael Ryder (Hatch Chester), Matt Sickles (CDM Smith), Mark Wolinsky (3RWW); Ms. Williams, Ms. Clark, Ms. Kennedy, Messrs. Tamilia, Inks, Jackson, and Vallarian, Ms. Croom, Ms. Thomas, Ms. DeMasi, Ms. Sanchioli, Ms. Slater-Wood, Ms. Donahue, Ms. Mellinger, Ms. Buys, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Mannella, Mr. Prevost, and Mr. Robert Gallo (Authority Consultant).

Mr. Readshaw, Secretary of the Board, chaired the meeting. Ms. Wilson, the Board Chair was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

The Acting Chair asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Acting Chair stated that 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*).

Three visitors requested to speak during the public comment period.

Mr. John Stoltz, a resident of Glenshaw (Shaler Township, Allegheny County) and Professor of Biology and Director of Environmental Research and Education at Duquesne University requests that the Board consider building a biodigestive facility as part of its renovation projects. He provided background information that this type of facility would not only improve the processing of waste but it would generate substantial quantities of renewal natural gas fuel and electricity at significant cost savings. The resulting sludge is a Class A waste which could be used as fertilizer and diverted from landfills. Biodigestion is renewable, sustainable, and an environmental-friendly method to treat municipal wastewater while cutting costs and generating revenue.

Ms. Elizabeth Urbatis resides in the Negley Run Watershed area. She lives above Washington Boulevard where terrible flooding has occurred; some of which, unfortunately, resulted in fatalities. Many projects have been initiated that attempted to remedy problems with the infrastructure without digging or replacing sewer pipes such as rain gardens and rain barrels. Ms. Urbatis extended an invitation to the members of the Board and any other interested parties to visit the area and see some of these projects and brainstorm about other potential solutions.

Ms. Kelly Henderson is a representative of the Point Breeze North Development Corporation and the Negley Run Task Force; she is also a resident of the Point Breeze North neighborhood. Ms. Henderson thanked ALCOSAN and the Board for its current commitment of

approximately \$100 million to green infrastructure and the current wet weather plan and also recognizing the need for dire grey structure improvements. She requested that the Board consider increasing the amount allocated for green infrastructure improvements and provided information and costs associated with improving flooding in the Negley Run Watershed. The first phase of the Four Mile Run Green Infrastructure upgrade is projected to cost \$41 million which corresponds to a 26-million gallon flow reduction. Upgrades to Negley Run are projected to cost approximately the same amount. The Board is also asked to consider allocating resources for the beautification/renovation of Westinghouse Park and median renovations (including green infrastructure upgrades) on Thomas and McPherson Boulevards.

Mr. Bill Inks reported on the 2018 Operating Costs and Revenues compared to the budget. The Authority is half way through the budgetary year, approximately 3% behind on the budgeted operating revenue, and about 4.5% under the expected annual budget used to date. Mr. Inks commented that the Authority is in good standing and continues to operate in a very sound financial manner.

The agenda was reordered and action items were moved to the top of the agenda in consideration of Mr. O'Connor's time constraint.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 28, 2018.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board authorized payment of invoices in excess of \$20,100.00 processed during the period June 16, 2018 through July 16, 2018, and reviewed the summary report of expenses in excess of \$10,900 processed during the same period, a copy of which will be made part of these minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board awarded the following contracts:

1. The Board considered bids received on July 24, 2018, under Contract No. 1697, "Modification of Nozzle Caps in Fluid Bed Incinerator No. 2." Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board awarded the contract to Simakas Company, Inc., the sole responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at their price of \$407,673.00.
2. The Board considered bids received on July 24, 2018, under Contract No. 1692, "Furnishing and Delivering Polymer for Centrifuge Dewatering System." Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board awarded the contract to SNF Polydyne Inc., the sole responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at their price of \$0.9600 per pound.
3. The Board considered bids received on July 24, 2018, under Contract No. 1698, "Furnish and Deliver Sprockets for Primary Sedimentation Tanks." Bids were received from BissNuss Inc. and Senqcia Maxco Ltd. Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by

Mr. Weinstein, the Board awarded the contract to BissNuss Inc., the lowest responsible bidder meeting the Authority's specifications at their price of \$596.00 per unit for 19" sprockets and \$566.00 per unit for 17" sprockets.

Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board rejected all bids received on July 3, 2018, under Contract No. 1694, "Refurbishing Main Pump Station Overhead Crane". Ms. Williams stated that the overhead crane will be replaced rather than repaired.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for bids for the following contracts:

1. Contract 1700, "Furnish and Deliver Incinerator Bed Sand"
2. Contract 1701, "Furnish and Deliver Lime"
3. Contract 1702, "Furnish and Deliver Sodium Bisulfite"
4. Contract 1703, "Furnish and Install a New Polar Crane for the Main Pump Station"
5. Contract 1704, "Safety Upgrades and Repairs to Diversion Structures"

*The following items denoted with an asterisk (\*) were reviewed by the Professional Services Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on July 12, 2018. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

\*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, 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 Andrews Technology HMS, Inc., under the Master Services Agreement, for an amount not-to-exceed \$95,000.00 to develop a payroll time and attendance system to upgrade the Authority's existing time and attendance payroll system.
2. For HannaLWE, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,170,485.00 to perform the scope of services under Capital Program No. S451, "Property and Rights-of-Way Acquisition."
3. For Keystone Acquisition Services, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not-to-exceed \$5,264,607.00 to perform the scope of services under Capital Program No. S451, "Property and Rights-of-Way Acquisition."
4. For Michael Baker, under the agreement for Engineering Consultant Services, for an amount not-to-exceed \$16,012,980.00 to perform the scope of services under

Capital Program No. S430, "Construction Management Services for Wet Weather Plant Expansion."

Mr. Weinstein commended the staff on the excellent negotiations of Item Numbers 2, 3, and 4 above.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board approved the modification of Service Authorization 309 for Whitman, Requardt & Assoc. (WRA) to provide additional engineering support services related to the investigation of rain water penetration into the atrium area of the Operations and Maintenance Building," for a fee not-to-exceed \$11,300.00.

*The following items denoted with double asterisks (\*\*) were reviewed by the Green Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on July 19, 2018. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

\*\*Upon motion of Mr. Weinstein, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board agreed to the following:

- Modify Grant Agreements (*identified in Exhibit J*) for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program by extending the Term of Contract to January 31, 2019
- Modify the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program by amending the Grant Agreement between ALCOSAN and its municipal partners in a form approved by the Solicitor

Upon motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-7-01 authorizing the Executive Director to accept an extension of time till June 30, 2019 for the \$250,000 GEDF Grant currently held by The Authority (transferred from the North Hills COG) for the Ravine Street Project. This is the second extension of time; there is no limit to the extensions.

Ms. Kennedy (Director of Engineering and Construction) provided an update on the status of the 2018 Capital Budget. Expenditures to date are approximately \$17,975,059 and are in alignment with implementation and progress of key projects underway at ALCOSAN; specifically, the Plant Expansion, Preliminary Planning, and Regionalization projects.

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. 1 and Final, under Contract 1678, "CCTV Inspection, Regionalization Contract Four," for a credit of \$239,094.00 for closeout and final payment. The credit is to reconcile items not utilized in the base bid. A total of 53 calendar days were added to the contract period to complete fieldwork and verify sewer

extents. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$746,730.75.

Ms. Williams shared that this month commemorates her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Executive Director of the Authority. She stated the reason for sharing this information is because she *“needed to acknowledge”* a gentleman in attendance, Mr. Pete Guggenheimer, Process Superintendent. Prior to being appointed Executive Director, Ms. Williams held the position of Director of Operations & Maintenance. Ms. Williams went on to share that the only reason she was comfortable leaving her position as Director of Operations & Maintenance was because of Pete Guggenheimer, *“a brilliant operator and operations guy.”* July 26 is Mr. Guggenheimer’s birthday; Ms. Williams and attendees applauded and wished Mr. Guggenheimer happy birthday. Mr. Readshaw added that 20 years ago it was a wise choice to fill the vacancy and appoint Ms. Williams as Executive Director. Mr. Readshaw further stated he was on the Board 20 years ago and *“had the good sense to vote for her.”* He congratulated Ms. Williams and wished her many more years as Executive Director.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on September 27, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:54 p.m.