

**Minutes of
Engineering And Maintenance Committee Meeting
of The Water Works Board
of The City Of Birmingham
January 11, 2023**

An Engineering and Maintenance Committee Meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. or immediately following the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting, at the Birmingham Water Works Board, 3600 First Avenue North – In Person, Training Room, to discuss engineering and maintenance issues. The Public has the option to listen by phone by calling (888) 398-2342 Code: 5608731.

The following Committee members were present via roll call: Dalton NeSmith (Chair), and Larry Ward. Other Board members in attendance were William “Butch” Burbage, Tom Henderson, Ronald A. Mims, and George Munchus.

Others present were: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy, Iris Fisher and Jeffrey Thompson, Assistant General Managers; Tammy Wilson, Executive Assistant to Derrick Murphy and Jeffrey Thompson; Anitra Hendrix, Corporate Governance Specialist; Colandus Mason, Information Technology Manager; Rick Jackson, Public Relations Manager; David Walker, Security Manager; Jeff Wade and Charles McGee, Electrical and Mechanical Shop; Mark Parnell, Parnell Thompson, LLC; Byron Perkins, Perkins-Law, LLC; Kelvin Howard, Kelvin Howard, LLC; Tiffanie Agee, Agee Law, LLC; Olivia Martin, Office of Attorney General; Theo Johnson, Jacobs Engineering; Bill Todd, O2 Ideas; Michael Bell, Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Patrick Flannelly, ARCADIS U.S; Rusty Agi, Itron.

Committee chair, Dalton NeSmith, called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. A roll call confirmed both Committee members were present, so there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance were: William “Butch” Burbage, Tom Henderson, Ronald A. Mims, and George Munchus

Next, a motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved the January 11, 2023, agenda, as printed.

Following, there were no Minutes for Approval.

Next, under Reports from Committee, Director NeSmith asked when the full Board would get additional information on and discuss Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Director NeSmith stated he believed this was one of the most important projects this year. Assistant General Manager Derrick Murphy stated that the last discussion and handout consisted of a draft Request for Proposal (RFP), and Directors were encouraged to provide feedback. AGM Murphy also stated that Attorney Parnell was looking at variations with the bid law pertaining to this item. The RFP is for the consultant who will be selected to lead the AMI project. There will be monthly updates provided to the Board. According to AGM Murphy there are seven departments involved in the initial RFP process. General Manager Michael Johnson stated there are two individuals AGM

Murphy plans talk to prior to issuing the RFP, and he asked if there was an issue with proceeding. Attorney Parnell stated he believed it should come before the Board prior to issuing the RFP. Director NeSmith concurred. Director Munchus stated he concurred, adding that it was important that all Board Directors be involved in the AMI project. Director Munchus asked that the discussions come before the Executive Committee or the full Board. GM Johnson stated this was part of the Strategic Plan, so it was important. GM Johnson stated he believed everyone should have input. Director Ward said the county was inquiring and interested to know when AMI would be implemented. Director NeSmith said the first step is to select a consultant for the project.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Following, under New Business, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to approve an agreement with D.R. Horton, LLC, to supply approximately 10,400 feet of pipeline and inspection services for the Rimel Farms Development on Warrior-Kimberly Road located between Doss Ferry Parkway and River Road East of Thomas Street to support the Birmingham Water Works (BWW) system redundancy, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$1,050,000, as set forth in agenda Item 1. AGM Murphy explained that the project location was in the North corner of the Warrior area. There is no way of redirecting water currently and the system needs redundancy in this location. A return on BWW's investment would be realized in 5 to 6 years, if not sooner, AGM Murphy stated. Director Munchus asked if the money was coming from the Economic Development fund. GM Johnson responded that the money was not coming from the Economic Development fund, rather it was a Capital Project. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced item to the Board for approval.

Next, the Committee was asked to award a bid to Russo Corporation, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the installation of approximately 3,650' of 36" DICL pipe, fittings and related appurtenances and a pipe bridge for the Carson Loop Phase 6D pipeline project located in acquired various rights-of-way located in Jefferson County at a bid amount of \$14,795,193.64; plus, estimated cost of materials, Water Board labor and overhead in the amount of \$3,658,816.67; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$18,454,010.31, as set forth in agenda Item 2. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced item to the Board for approval.

As there was no further business before the Committee, a motion was made and seconded and the Committee adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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Michael Johnson
General Manager

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Dalton NeSmith
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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Larry Ward
Secretary/Treasurer