

**Minutes of
Engineering And Maintenance Committee Meeting
of The Water Works Board
of The City Of Birmingham
February 8, 2023**

An Engineering and Maintenance Committee Meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Wednesday, February 8, 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), William “Butch” Burbage and George Munchus. Other Board members in attendance were Tom Henderson, Tereshia Huffman and Mashonda Taylor. Director Mims entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Anitra Hendrix, Corporate Governance Specialist; Colandus Mason, Information Technology Manager; Rosalind Jones, MGRA-Accounting 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; Michael Bell, Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Patrick Flannelly, ARCADIS U.S.

Committee chair, Dalton NeSmith, called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. A roll call confirmed all Committee members were present, so there was a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance were Tom Henderson, Tereshia Huffman and Mashonda Taylor.

Next, a motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved the February 8, 2023, agenda, as printed.

Following, the minutes of November 30, 2023, and December 14, 2023, were unanimously approved.

Next, under Reports of Officers, Director Munchus stated he would be bringing items to the Committee during the year. Director NeSmith recommended that Director Munchus speak to the General Manager prior to bringing items forward, adding that he would like for items to be on the agenda prior to Committee meetings. Director NeSmith welcomed Directors Burbage and Munchus to the Engineering and Maintenance Committee. Assistant General Manager Derrick Murphy stated he would email Board members updates on the Highway 280 and the Cahaba River projects along with photos. Director Mims entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Following, under New Business, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to award a bid to Gillespie Construction, LLC, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the replacement of approximately 1,770' of 2" galvanized steel pipe and 3,120' of 2" cast iron cement lined (CICL) pipe with approximately 2,785' of 8" DICL pipe; 1,806' of 6" DICL pipe; 336' of 4" DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 105 water services along Mecca Avenue; Irving Road; Highland Road; St. Charles Street; Virginia Drive; and Palmetto Street located in the City of Homewood, at a bid amount of \$1,031,602.00; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$647,118.21; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$1,678,720.21, as set forth in agenda Item 1. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced item to the Board for approval.

Next, AGM Murphy spoke on both pipeline projects, Items 1 and 2. Additional companies were recruited to bid on these project AGM Murphy reminded the Committee. Birmingham Construction Industry Authority (BCIA) has certified the company regarding HUB participation for the two projects that were awarded. Director Mims asked if cutting the size of the jobs increases HUB participation. AGM Murphy stated the concern is more about material availability and his concern is not about decreasing the size of jobs. Right now obtaining valves are a challenge whereas pipe is looking better. AGM Murphy stated they are also spreading out the work in the Board's five-county service area, so as not to be working in one area too long.

Following, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to award a bid to Gillespie Construction, LLC, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the replacement of approximately 4,870' of 2" galvanized steel pipe / 2" unlined cast iron pipe with approximately 1,120' of 8" DICL pipe; 3,540' of 6" DICL pipe; 320' of 4" DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 100 water services along Overlook Road; Essix Road; Conroy Road; and Cliff Road located in the City of Birmingham, at a bid amount of \$1,139,639.80; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$547,181.14; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$1,686,820.94, 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. Director Burbage stated it seemed as if 2" pipe replacement projects were moving toward replacement with 4", 6" or 8" pipe. GM Johnson responded when we have an opportunity to upsize, we do it, because this improves service. Director Burbage recommended our Public Relations department highlight this effort. GM Johnson stated Rick and his team should incorporate this when they publicize our pipeline projects.

As there was no further business before the Committee, a motion was made and seconded and the Committee adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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Michael Johnson
General Manager

/S/

Dalton NeSmith
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

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William "Butch" Burbage, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

/S/

George Munchus, Ph.D.
Director