

**Minutes of
Engineering And Maintenance Committee Meeting
of The Water Works Board
of The City Of Birmingham
December 6, 2023**

An Engineering and Maintenance Committee Meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Wednesday, December 6, 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, 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 Tereshia Huffman. Director Henderson was absent. Board members William "Butch" Burbage, Jr., George Munchus and Mashonda Taylor were also present.

Others present were: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy and Iris Fisher, Assistant General Managers; Tammy Wilson, Executive Assistant to Derrick Murphy; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Barry Williams, Business Systems Operations Manager; Drusilla Hudson, EnviroLab Manager; Marsha Hammonds, System Support Supervisor; Brandon Sims, Business Analyst/Project Manager; David Walker, Security Manager; Anthony Hazel, Security Superintendent; Akhi King, Security Systems Technician; Matthew Shiver, Purchasing Manager; Jeremy Ervin, Workforce Development Administrator; Rick Jackson, Public Relations Manager; Brad Steffens, Public Information Officer; Jeff Wade and Charles McGee, Electrical and Mechanical Shop; Mark Parnell, Parnell Thompson, LLC; Kelvin Howard, Kelvin Howard Law, LLC; Tiffanie Agee, Agee Law; Olivia Martin, Office of the Attorney General; Patrick Flannelly, ARCADIS U. S.; Bill Todd, O2 Ideas; Lindsey McAdory, CBG Strategies; Michael Bell, Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Birmingham City Police Officer.

Committee Chair, Dalton NeSmith called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. A roll call confirmed two Committee members were present, so there was a quorum in attendance.

Next, a motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved the December 6, 2023, Engineering and Maintenance Committee Meeting agenda, as printed.

Following, there were no Minutes for approval. There were no Reports from the Committee Chair or Committee Members and there was no Unfinished Business. Under New Business, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to exercise its bid option to extend a one-year agreement with Norit Americas, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for estimated quantities of Activated Powdered Carbon, at a cost of \$1.17 per pound, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$87,750.00; and to authorize the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement, beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to approve a one-year agreement with USALCO, the sole bidder, for estimated quantities of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate, at a cost of \$0.147 per dry pound, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$882,000.00; and to authorize the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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.

Following, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to approve expenditures with Capital Tractor, Inc., for six (6) new diesel lawnmowers for Lake Purdy, Inland Dam, Inland Pump Station, Cahaba Pump Station, Sipseyp Pump Station, and Mulberry Pump Station, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$101,766.96 [exempt from bidding under the Alabama Competitive Bid Law because items and services fall under State of Alabama Bid Contract #MA23000003879]; Thompson Rents, for a Caterpillar Telehandler, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$188,045.83 [exempt from bidding under the Alabama Competitive Bid Law because items and services fall under Sourcwell Contract# 011723-CAT]; Stivers Ford, for eight (8) Ford Explorers, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$306,744.00 [exempt from bidding under the Alabama Competitive Bid Law because items and services fall under State of Alabama Bid Contract #MA22000003128]; Stivers Ford, for fifteen (15) Ford F-150s, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$647,805.00 [exempt from bidding under the Alabama Competitive Bid Law because items and services fall under State of Alabama Bid Contract #MA22000003128]; and Kenworth of Birmingham, for five (5) Tri-Axle Dump Trucks (Paccar Engine), at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$1,200,620.00 [exempt from bidding under the Alabama Competitive Bid Law because items and services fall under Sourcwell Contract #060920-KTC], as set forth in agenda Items 3.1 through 3.5. General Manager Johnson mentioned that our maintenance costs for vehicles is up, so these vehicle purchases will help with that. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced items to the Board for approval.

Next, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to approve extension agreements with Business Systems and Operations, LLC (BSO), for ongoing support for the Finance module, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$582,440.00; and Utegration, for ongoing support for the Customer Relations and Billing module (subject to review and approval by the Board's attorney), at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$600,248.00, as set forth in agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced items to the Board for approval.

Following, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to award bids to Tren-Tay, Inc., for the replacement of approximately 5,165' of 2" galvanized steel pipe/ 2" unlined cast iron pipe with approximately 5,420' of 6" DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 126 water services along 5th Court South; 5th Terrace South; 53rd Street South; 54th Place South; 6th Avenue South; 55th Place South and 9th Avenue South located in the Woodlawn Community within the City of Birmingham, at a bid amount of \$1,187,366.95; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$714,968.00; at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$1,902,334.95; and Jones Utility & Contracting Company, Inc., for the installation of approximately 7,360' of 16" DICL pipe (non-restrained & restrained); 4,500' of 12" DICL pipe (non-restrained & restrained); 4,280' of 8" DICL pipe (non-restrained) and related appurtenances along Highway 79, Bethel Road and Bone Dry Road in unincorporated Jefferson County and along Highway 79 and Kiowa Road in unincorporated Blount County, at a bid amount of \$8,825,965.00; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$2,999,310.97; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$11,825,275.97, as set forth in agenda Items 5.1 and 5.2. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced items to the Board for approval.

Next, the Committee was asked to recommend to the Board to review and consider renewing a potential thirty-year lease agreement for an easement through 2700 Rogers Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, 35209, as set forth in agenda Item 6. Attorney Parnell stated that he added this item at the last minute, explaining that this easement was through a commercial building parking lot in Homewood. Birmingham Water Works has pipe under the commercial building. Mr. Parnell added that this was a fifteen-year agreement that had expired and needed renewing and has been in force for around 40 years. Attorney Parnell stated his intent was to make the lease current under three-year terms. A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee unanimously recommended to move the referenced items to the Board for approval.

As there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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Michael Johnson
General Manager

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Dalton NeSmith
Engineering and Maintenance Committee Chair

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Thomas E. Henderson
Director

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Tereshia Huffman
Director