

**Minutes Of
Engineering And Maintenance Committee Meeting
Of The Water Works Board
Of The City Of Birmingham
August 9, 2021**

An Engineering and Maintenance Committee Meeting of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held Monday, August 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Birmingham Water Works Board, 3600 First Avenue North, to discuss engineering and maintenance issues.

The following Committee members were present via roll call: George Munchus (Chair) and Dalton NeSmith. Chris Rice was absent. Other Directors present who do not serve on the Committee were Ronald A. Mims and Tom Henderson.

Others present were: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Iris Fisher, Derrick Murphy and Jeffrey Thompson, Assistant General Managers; Tammy Wilson, Executive Assistant to Derrick Murphy and Jeffrey Thompson; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Colandus Mason, Information Technology Manager; Ed Travis, Purchasing Manager; Rick Jackson, Public Relations Manager; Terrell Jones, Interim Security Manager; Patrick Flannelly, ARCADIS; Kim Bivens and Michael Bell, Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Olivia Martin, Office of the Attorney General.

Committee Chair, George Munchus called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Two of the three Directors on the Committee were present, so a quorum was in attendance. Assistant General Manager, Derrick Murphy opened the meeting with prayer.

Following, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended approving the agenda withdrawing Item 4.

Next, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended to approve the minutes of the June 7 and July 12, 2021 Engineering and Maintenance Committee meeting, as set forth in agenda Item 1.

Following, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to award a bid and to authorize the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute a signed agreement with CJ Pressure Cleaning, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for pressure washing throughout the limits of the Birmingham Water Works distribution area for a 1-year period, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$525,000.00, as set forth in agenda Item 2. Director NeSmith asked if this vendor had the contract previously. AGM Murphy responded that this is the same vendor who currently holds the contract, adding that this is an estimated cost and it would be a 2nd extension of their contract. The amount expended last year was \$722,000.00. GM Johnson stated the unit price is set by the contractor, in response to the bid, after some discussion regarding pricing.

Next, a motion was made by Director Munchus and seconded by Director NeSmith and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to award a bid and to authorize the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute a signed agreement with Empire Pipe, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for estimated quantities of 2" FM Static Flow Meters, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$2,161,200.00, as set forth in agenda Item 3. Director

Munchus asked if this was the only bidder and if the company was local, both of which AGM Murphy responded yes to.

Following a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to exercise its bid option for a 1-year (12-month) extension and to authorize the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute a signed bid extension agreement for FY2022 with GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (Direct Manufacturer), the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate, as set forth in agenda Item 5. Director Munchus stated he hoped suppliers in the future would try to utilize HUBs. Director Munchus also thanked Staff for working early in the year to secure chemical purchases and pricing.

Next, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to exercise its bid option for a 1-year (12-month) extension with a 5% increase and to authorize the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute a signed bid extension agreement for FY2022 with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc. (Direct Manufacturer), the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for Ferric Sulfate, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$2,910,600.00 (1.176/lb.) per year based on anticipated usage, as set forth in agenda Item 6. Some discussion occurred regarding production and petroleum cost increases.

Following, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to approve a Scope of Services amendment with Arcadis U.S., Inc., to provide construction management services for the Shades Mountain Filter Plant Filter Improvements project, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost of \$1,173,266.00, as set forth in agenda Item 7.

Next, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee unanimously recommended moving to the Board to approve to purchase the structures and improvements per the Recreational Site Agreement held by John Christian on Lot 7 at Inland Lake, for a sales price of \$325,000.00, as set forth in agenda Item 8.

As there was no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Director NeSmith and seconded by Director Munchus and the Committee adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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Michael Johnson
General Manager

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George Munchus, Ph.D.
First-Vice Chairman/First Vice President

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Dalton NeSmith.
Director

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Chris Rice
Director