

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 18, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Mr. Foti presided. Present from the Board were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Cotter, Flanagan, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Secretary Theoharides and Messrs. Carroll, Cook and Pappastergion were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Carolyn Francisco Murphy, General Counsel, David Coppes, Chief Operating Officer, Carolyn Fiore, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, Kathleen Murtagh, Director of Tunnel Redundancy and Assistant Secretaries Ria Convery and Kristin MacDougall. Vandana Rao, EEA, was also in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2019 MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of July 17, 2019 as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey invited Board members to attend a ribbon-cutting event for the Pine Tree Preserve public access area in Chestnut Hill on September 25, 2019. This project was a partnership between MWRA and Boston College. He noted that MWRA staff will present an update to the Board on the Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Project in October. Mr. Laskey also congratulated Mr. Peña and the City of Lawrence Water and Sewer Department upon the receipt of a 2019 Environmental Merit Award from the US EPA.

APPROVALS

Battery Storage Demonstration Project at Brattle Court Pump Station and Chelsea Facility – Utility Tariff Optimization Service and Site License Agreement: Stem, Inc. (ref. W B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute a Utility Tariff Optimization Service and Site License Agreement with Stem, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of a battery storage system at the Brattle Court Pumping Station and the Chelsea Facility for an amount not to exceed \$300,100.

PCR Amendments – September 2019 (ref. P&C A.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve amendments to the Position Control Register (PCR) as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Program Manager, Process Control and Project Support (ref. P&C A.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Ms. Kristen Hall to the position of Program Manager, Process Control and Project Support (Unit 9, Grade 29), in the Operations Engineering Department, at an annual salary of \$128,958.93, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Program Manager, Wastewater Operations (ref. P&C A.3)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. William Lane to the position of Program Manager, Wastewater Operations (Unit 9, Grade 29), in the Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Department, at an annual salary of \$114,681.68, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Manager, IT Security, Architecture and Engineering, Management Information Systems, Administration (ref. P&C A.4)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. Murali Rajoo to the position of Manager, IT Security, Architecture and Engineering (Non-Union, Grade 14), at an annual salary of \$137,000, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Communications Manager, Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Program (ref. P&C A.5)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Ms. Kristin MacDougall to the position of Communications Manager, Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy Program (Unit 6, Grade 12) at an annual salary of \$99,150.71, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Senior Staff Counsel for General Litigation (ref. P&C A.6)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Nicholas A. Ogden as Senior Staff Counsel, General Litigation, Law Division (Unit 6, Grade 13) at an annual salary of \$127,481.99, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Bond Defeasance of Future Debt Service (ref. AF&A B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director or his designee, on behalf of the Authority, to enter into, execute and deliver all necessary agreements and other instruments and to take such other actions necessary to effectuate the redemption and defeasance of an aggregate principal amount of \$10,115,000 of outstanding MWRA senior bonds including to cause the escrow of cash and/or securities in an amount necessary to fund such redemption and defeasance, in order to reduce the debt service requirement by \$11,482,250 in the FY21 through FY23 timeframe.

Approval of the Eighty-First Supplemental Resolution (ref. AF&A B.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to adopt the Eighty-First Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$625,000,000 of Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Taxable

and Tax-Exempt General Revenue Bonds and General Revenue Refunding Bonds and the supporting Issuance Resolution.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Design and Engineering Services During Construction for Quinapoxet Dam Removal: Milone & MacBroom, Inc. Contract 7347 (ref. W C.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract 7347, Design and Engineering Services During Construction for Quinapoxet Dam Removal, to Milone & MacBroom, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$425,442.07 for a contract term of 24 months from the Notice to Proceed.

Section 56 Replacement Saugus River Crossing, Design and Engineering Services During Construction: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Contract 7454 (ref. W

C.2) Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract 7454, Section 56 Replacement Saugus River Crossing, Design and Engineering Services During Construction, to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the amount of \$3,345,887 for a contract term of 51 months from the Notice to Proceed.

Purchase of Vehicles, Liberty Chevrolet, Inc. and Colonial Ford, Inc., Bid WRA-4726 (ref. AF&A C.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the award of two separate purchase orders for three new Electric Sport Utility Vehicles, two new Cargo Vans, nine new Pickup Trucks, five new Two-Yard Dump Trucks, and four new Service Body Trucks, to the lowest responsive bidders under Bid WRA-4726, Liberty Chevrolet, Inc., and Colonial Ford and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said purchase orders in the bid amounts of \$1,025,043 to Liberty Chevrolet and \$194,967.10 to Colonial Ford, Inc. under State Contract VEH98, for a total amount of \$1,220,010.10.

Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite to the Deer Island Treatment Plant: Borden & Remington Corporation, Bid WRA-4731 (ref. WW B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the award of Purchase Order Contract WRA-4731 for the supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite to the Deer Island Treatment Plant to the lowest responsive bidder, Borden & Remington Corporation, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,644,486.98 for a period of one year, from November 17, 2019 through November 16, 2020.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station Design, Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Contract 7156, Amendment 5 (ref. W D.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 5 to Contract 7156, Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station Design, Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in the net amount of \$502,340.69, increasing the contract amount from \$7,603,600.10 to an amount not to exceed \$8,105,940.79 with no change in the contract term.

Pay Equity Consulting Services: Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP. Contract A616, Amendment 1 (ref. P&C B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Amendment 1 to Contract A616, Pay Equity Consulting Services with Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP, to increase the contract not to exceed amount by \$113,250 from \$27,575 to \$141,400 and to extend the contract term by 730 calendar days from July 9, 2019 to July 9, 2021.

Dental Insurance, Delta Dental of Massachusetts, Contract A613, Amendment 2 (ref. AF&A D.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve Amendment 2 to Contract A613, with Delta Dental of Massachusetts, exercising the second option to renew, increasing the contract amount by \$352,000 from \$712,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,064,000, and extending the term by twelve months from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 for a total contract term of 36 months.

Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade BHD/BEC 2015, A Joint Venture Contract 7161, Change Order 32 (ref. WW C.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 32 to Contract 7161, Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade, with BHD/BEC 2015, A Joint Venture, for an amount not to exceed \$245,616.00, increasing the contract amount from \$81,554,689.46 to \$81,800,305.46, with no increase in contract term.

Further, voted: to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7161 in an amount not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Foti announced that the Board would enter executive session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining with all bargaining units regarding the Paid Family and Medical Leave Law, since such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect upon the bargaining position of the Authority, and that the Board would reconvene in open session for the purpose of adjournment.

It was moved to enter executive session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining with all bargaining units regarding the Paid Family and Medical Leave Law and thereafter to return to open session solely for the purpose of adjournment. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken in which the members were recorded as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Cotter		
Flanagan		
Foti		
Peña		
Vitale		
Walsh		
Wolowicz		

Voted: to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all bargaining units regarding the Paid Family and Medical Leave Law in that such discussions may have a detrimental effect upon the bargaining position of the Authority, and thereafter to return to open session solely for the purpose of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session and adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Approved: October 16, 2019

Attest:


Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary