A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Board Secretary Pappastergion presided. Present from the Board were Messrs. Cook, Cotter, Flanagan, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Chair Theoharides, Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Carroll and Foti 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 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2019 MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of October 16, 2019 as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey made a presentation to update the Board on the Northern Intermediate High Pipeline Disinfection and Southern Extra High Section 77 Crossing projects. He also congratulated Kathleen Murtagh and MWRA Tunnel Redundancy staff for hosting a successful expert panel forum on November 14 and 15, 2019. Finally, Mr. Laskey updated the Board on a Boston Globe request for information regarding PFAS levels in MWRA sludge pellets.

APPROVALS

PCR Amendments - November 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, without the Director, Security and Emergency Response position.

Appointment of Program Manager, Metro Meter Maintenance Operations Division (ref. P&C A.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. Scott A. Winn to the position of Program Manager, Metro Meter Maintenance (Unit 9, Grade 29), in the Meter Maintenance Program, at an annual salary of $114,681.78, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Program Manager, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Engineering, Operations Department (ref. P&C A.3)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. Mark Soutter to the position of Program Manager, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Engineering (Unit 9, Grade 29), in the Operations Department, at an annual salary of $96,821.48, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Manager, Wastewater Operations, Operations Division (ref. P&C A.4)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Mr. James MacPherson to the position of Manager, Operations (Non-Union, Grade 14), in the Wastewater Operations Department, at an annual salary of $137,700, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Senior Program Manager, Design Information Systems Center Engineering & Construction Department (ref. P&C A.5)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the appointment of Ms. Kim Dennis to the position of Senior Program Manager, Design Information Systems Center (Unit 9, Grade 30) in the
Engineering & Construction Department, at an annual salary of $119,503.32, commencing on a date to be determined by the Executive Director.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Harbor and Outfall Monitoring Contracts for 2020-2023, Water Column Monitoring, Battelle Memorial Institute, Contract OP-401A; and Benthic, Fish and Shellfish Monitoring, Normandeau Associates, Inc., Contract OP-401 B (ref. WW B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to select two separate firms to provide Harbor and Outfall Monitoring services from 2020 to 2023, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute two separate contracts as follows:

Contract OP-401A, Harbor and Outfall Monitoring, Water Column Monitoring, with Battelle Memorial Institute, for an amount not to exceed $2,389,177.57, with a contract term of 48 months from the Notice to Proceed; and;

Contract OP-401B, Harbor and Outfall Monitoring, Benthic, Fish and Shellfish Monitoring, with Normandeau Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed $1,399,332.30, with a contract term of 46 months from the Notice to Proceed.

Cooperative Research Project to Conduct Water Quality Monitoring in Cape Cod Bay Center for Coastal Studies, Inc., Contract OP-406 (ref. WW B.2)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted: to approve the award of Contract OP-406, a sole-source contract for a cooperative research project to conduct permit-required water quality monitoring in Cape Cod Bay, with the Center for Coastal Studies Inc. in Provincetown, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the amount of $407,665, for a contract term of three years from the Notice to Proceed.

Sections 53 and 99 Improvements, Design and Engineering Services During Construction, Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., Contract 7485 (ref. W B.1)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was
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Voted: to approve the recommendation of the Consultant Selection Committee to award Contract 7485, Sections 53 and 99 Improvements, Design and Engineering Services During Construction, to Hazen and Sawyer, P.C., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the amount of $4,985,263, for a contract term of 102 months from the Notice to Proceed.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Automated Vehicle Locator Tracking System, Networkfleet, Inc., Contract A606, Amendment 1 (ref. AF&A 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 A606, Automated Vehicle Locator Tracking System with Networkfleet, Inc., in the amount of $93,708, exercising the first option to renew and increasing the contract amount from $427,490 to an amount not to exceed $521,198, and increasing the contract term by 12 months from December 28, 2019 to December 28, 2020.

Further, it was voted to approve a change in the name of the Consultant Contract A606 from Networkfleet, Inc., to Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.

Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade BHD/BEC 2015, A Joint Venture Contract 7161, Change Order 34 (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 34 to Contract 7161, Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade, with BHD/BEC 2015, A Joint Venture, for an amount not to exceed $425,000.00, increasing the contract amount from $81,991,350.46 to $82,416,350.46, with no increase in contract term.

Further, it was 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.
Southern Extra High Pipeline - Section 111 (Dedham North) P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., Contract 7504, Change Order 11 (ref. W 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 11 to Contract 7504, Southern Extra High Pipeline - Section 111 (Dedham North), with P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., for a lump sum amount of $135,148.01, increasing the contract amount from $18,522,439.62 to $18,657,587.63, with no increase in contract term.

Further, it was voted to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7504 in an amount not to exceed the aggregate of $250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Approved: January 15, 2020

Attest: 

Andrew M. Pappasergion, Secretary

Documents used for this meeting, referenced above, can be found here: http://www.mwra.com/monthly/bod/boardmaterials/2019/o-BoardMaterials11-20-19.pdf