

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 19, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on July 19, 2017 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Vice-Chair Carroll presided. Present from the Board were Messrs. Blackmon, Flanagan, Foti, Peña, Vitale and Walsh. Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Beaton, Cotter and Pappastergion were absent. Among those present from the Authority staff were Frederick Laskey, Executive Director, Steven Remsberg, General Counsel, Michael Hornbrook, Chief Operating Officer, Thomas Durkin, Director of Finance, Michele Gillen, Director of Administration, Carolyn Fiore, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, John Riccio, Director, TRAC, Denise Breiteneicher, Program Manager, Energy & Environment, Corinne Barrett, Director of Construction, Martin McGowan, Construction Coordinator, Elizabeth Reilley, Director of Environmental Quality, Anandan Navanandan, Chief Engineer, Paul Rullo, Program Manager, Vincent Spada, Construction Coordinator, Carl Leone, Senior Program Manager, Matthew Horan, Treasurer, Karen Gay-Valente, Director of Human Resources and Bonnie Hale, Assistant Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Delegated Authority Report – June 2017

There was question and answer on items contained in the report.

WASTEWATER POLICY & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Staff described the following two information items, and there was general discussion and question and answer:

- Clinton Local Discharge Limits Evaluation for Submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under NPDES Permit #MA010040
- Revised Enforcement Response Plan for the Toxic Reduction and Control Program.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade, BHD/BEC JV 2015, A Joint Venture: Contract 7161, Change Order 3

Staff gave a presentation on this challenging rehabilitation of an older facility, and described the work to be performed under the change order.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 3 to increase the amount of Contract 7161 with BHD/BEC 2015, A Joint Venture, Chelsea Creek Headworks Upgrade, in an amount not to exceed \$1,129,740.20, with no increase in contract term; further, to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7161 in amounts not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

WATER POLICY & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CONTRACT AWARDS

Strategies to Minimize the Adverse Impacts of an Oil/Contaminant Spill in Wachusett Reservoir on MWRA's Finished Water: University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Contract W320

Staff described the work to be performed under this collaborative research contract.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of a sole source collaborative research contract with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst titled "Strategies to Minimize the Adverse Impacts of an Oil Contaminant Spill in Wachusett Reservoir on MWRA's Finished Water," and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute Contract W320 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a contract of thirty-six months from the Notice to Proceed.

Southern Extra High Pipeline - Section 111 (Dedham North): P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., Contract 7504

Staff gave a presentation on the three contracts comprising the Southern Extra High Pipeline redundancy project, and discussed the details of the above contract.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 7504, Southern Extra High Pipeline Section 111 (Dedham North) to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said contract in the bid amount of \$17,226,350 for a term of 780 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS

Southern Extra High Pipeline – Section 111 (Boston): P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., Contract 6454, Change Order 1

Staff gave a presentation on the progress of the contract work and described the reason for the change order.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 1 to increase the amount of Contract 6454 with P. Gioioso and Sons, Inc., Southern Extra High Pipeline - Section 111 (Boston), in an amount not to exceed \$380,000, with no increase in contract term; further, to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 6454 in amounts not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station, BHD/BEC JV 2015, A Joint Venture: Contract 7157, Change Order 18

Staff gave a presentation providing a construction update and a description of the work to be performed under Change Order 18.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve Change Order 18 to increase the amount of Contract 7157 with BHD/BEC JV 2015, A Joint Venture, Wachusett Aqueduct Pumping Station, for a lump sum amount of \$608,007, with no increase in contract term; further, to authorize the Executive Director to approve additional change orders as may be needed to Contract 7157 in amounts not to exceed the aggregate of \$250,000, in accordance with the Management Policies and Procedures of the Board of Directors.

APPROVALS

Local Water System Assistance Program – Approval of Water Loan Program Guidelines Revision for Town of Winthrop

There was question and answer on the financial impact of this action.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve a one-time exemption to the Program Guidelines for the Local Water System Assistance Program to waive the annual allocation restriction for the Town of Winthrop to allow the Town to borrow up to its entire \$4,119,000 water loan allocation contingent upon Winthrop Town Council bonding authorization to meet this request.

PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

APPROVALS

PCR Amendment – July 2017

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve an amendment to the Position Control Register, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

Appointment of Lab Supervisor III

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Charles Blodget to the position of Laboratory Supervisor III (Unit 9, Grade 25) at an annual salary of \$104,221.76, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Assistant Director, Engineering

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Brian L. Kubaska to the position of Assistant Director, Engineering (Non-Union, Grade 14), in the Engineering & Construction Department, at an annual salary of \$134,769.58, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Materials Manager

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director’s recommendation to appoint Mr. Stephen Coffey to the position of Materials Manager, Administration Division (Unit 6, Grade 13), at an annual salary of \$109,341, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation and real estate.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was, upon a roll call vote in which the members were recorded as follows:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Blackmon		
Flanagan		
Foti		
Peña		
Vitale		
Walsh		
Carroll		

Voted to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, in that such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating and negotiating positions of the Authority.

It was stated that the meeting would return to open session solely for consideration of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session at 2:10 p.m. and adjourned.

Approved: September 20, 2017

Attest:



Andrew M. Pappastergion, Secretary