RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' RATE WORKSHOP MINUTES

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) Board of Commissioners' Rate Workshop held Monday, July 24, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fogleman at 12:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Fogleman, Vice Chairman Emily K. DeRoberts, Secretary/Chairman Clint Thompson, Tom Coker, John T. Crawford, Jr., George Fletcher, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday, and Ray C. Overstreet

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tab Patton

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Engineering Rebecca Bowyer, Director of Communications Chad Lawson, Controller Thomas Brooks, Project Communications Specialist Gina Freeman, and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

Staff Present via Webex: IT Customer Support Manager Chris Lienau

Visitors Present: Melissa Levin, Will Kerr, and Fred Moriarty of Raftelis Financial Consultants that specialize in local government and utility management consulting.

CEO Jones kicked off the Workshop with opening remarks and invited attendees to take part in lunch.

Chief Financial Officer Caldwell introduced representatives from Raftelis who conducted a rate study and an affordability analysis for ReWa. She led the discussion of a presentation entitled "ReWa: Rate & Affordability" and spoke about ReWa's rate study schedule, the different rate type definitions, and ReWa's average bill.

Melissa Levin of Raftelis reviewed the primary agenda:

- Project Objectives
- 2. Financial Plan
 - a. Overview & Key Assumptions
 - b. Results
- 3. Rate Analysis
 - a. Existing Rates
 - b. Proposed Rates (T&T and Retail)
- 4. Affordability Analysis

Ms. Levin led a discussion regarding the Project Objectives and the Financial Plan. Mr. Kerr discussed the Rate Analysis and Affordability Analysis. Questions were asked by the Commissioners and answered by the Raftelis representatives as well as Chief Financial Officer Caldwell.

Following the presentation, Chief Financial Officer Caldwell discussed next steps. She requested the Board's approval for public notice in order for a Public Hearing on rates to be held on Monday, August 28th. On motion made by Commissioner DeRoberts and seconded by Commissioner Crawford, the Board approved that ReWa publicly notice the proposed rate change.

Chief Financial Officer Caldwell stated staff would publicly notice the meeting, schedule a Public Hearing, follow-up with "talking points" for the Commissioners/the Delegation/staff, and place a banner on ReWa's website offering the additional information regarding the proposed rates.

Vice Chairman DeRoberts requested that today's presentation be published on BoardDocs. SEA Steifle will publish and notify the Commissioners.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman DeRoberts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 – 2:30 P.M.



OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) Operations and Planning Committee Meeting held Monday, July 24, 2023, at ReWa Headquarters.

The meeting was also held virtually via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Daniel K. Holliday at 2:32 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Daniel K. Holliday, John T. Crawford Jr., Phyllis Henderson, Ray C. Overstreet, and Tab Patton.

Committee Members Present via Zoom: None

Committee Members Absent: None

Non-Committee Members Present: R. L. Fogleman, Emily K. DeRoberts, Tom Coker, and George Fletcher.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel Jones, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Business Services Julie Dacus, Director of Engineering Becca Bowyer, Controller Thomas Brooks, Program Services Manager David Rankin, Infrastructure Program Manager Zach Dukes, Senior Engineering Project Manager Brianna Wallace, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca Steifle, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Megan Turner.

Other staff members were also present via ZOOM.

Visitors Present: None

Mauldin Rd. WRRF Control Building Renovation Construction Contract Award Commissioner Crawford motioned that the Board award the Mauldin Rd. WRRF Control Building Renovation contract to Reeves Young and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,040,000 plus up to \$100,000 in future contract amendments through an Owner-controlled contingency.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and carried unanimously.

Huff Creek Force Main Partial Replacement Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board award the Huff Creek Force Main Partial Replacement Construction Contract Award to Garney Companies, Inc. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,120,392.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried unanimously.

Mauldin Road WRRF Switchgear Replacement Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board award the Mauldin Road WRRF Switchgear Replacement contract to Gregory Electric Company, Inc. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$3,289,267.24 plus up to \$160,000 in future contract amendments through an Owner-controlled contingency.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried unanimously.

Master Planning

Program Services Manager David Rankin made a presentation on the current Master Planning efforts. A brief discussion was held. No action resulted.

Verbal Briefing

Operations Services Officer Angie Price made a verbal briefing regarding an article entitled "Toxic Deals" (regarding sludge/fertilizer) that appeared in The State newspaper on July 15, 2023. A brief discussion was held. No action resulted.

Stream Bank Collapse Gilder Creek

Technical Services Officer David Niesse made a presentation on the Stream Bank Collapse and resulting Sanitary Sewer Overflow at Gilder Creek. A brief discussion was held. No action resulted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 - 3:15 P.M.



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) Administration and Finance Committee Meeting held Monday, July 24, 2023, at 3:15 P.M. at ReWa Administrative Headquarters.

The meeting was also held virtually via ZOOM.

Committee Members Present: Committee Chairman Thomas H. Coker III, Clinton J. Thompson, Emily K. DeRoberts, and George W. Fletcher.

Non-Committee Members Present: Commissioner John T. Crawford Jr.

Staff Present: CEO Joel Jones, CFO Cathy Caldwell, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Director of Business Services Julie Dacus, Director of Engineering Becca Bowyer, Controller Thomas Brooks, Customer Service Supervisor Veronica Davis, Senior Executive Administrator Becca Steifle, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, and Accountant Kayla Quick.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Coker at 3:20 P.M.

Investment Summary

The Committee reviewed the Investment Summary.

Summary of Financial Condition

The Committee reviewed the Summary of Financial Condition.

Operating Expenses by Natural Classification

The Committee reviewed the Operating Expenses by Natural Classification

New Account Fee (NAF) Classification Report

The Committee reviewed the NAF Classification Report.

Sustainability Services Scorecard

The Committee reviewed the Human Resources Scorecard.

Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program Update

Committee Member DeRoberts made a motion to recommend to the Board that ReWa approve revisions to the Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thompson and carries unanimously.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED:

R.L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

Notification of meeting was distributed on July 21, 2023, to The Greenville News, Tribune Times, The Laurens County Advertiser, The Spartanburg Herald Journal, The Anderson Observer, Greenville County Council, www.rewaonline.org, and ReWa Headquarters.

Renewable Water Resources Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program

ReWa recognizes the need for affordable wastewater capacity fees while assuring that wastewater infrastructure is available to foster economic development in our service area.

After appropriate investigation, ReWa has determined to provide assistance for qualifying affordable housing for the payment of new account fees through the Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program (the "*Program*"). The Program will further the public purpose of ReWa in providing sewer services to its customers.

Each year during its budgeting process, ReWa will determine whether to appropriate a certain sum (the "*Grant Funds*") from its revenues to fund the Program. The Grant Funds will be used to fund 50% of the new account fee to qualifying affordable housing.

ReWa will determine on an annual basis whether or not to fund the Program and, if to fund the Program, the amount to be funded. ReWa is not obligated to provide the Grant Funds in every fiscal year. If ReWa determines not to provide the Grant Funds for a particular fiscal year, the decision not to fund does not preclude ReWa from providing Grant Funds in subsequent fiscal years.

The Program will apply to new housing units that ReWa has received written certification by either the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority or the Community Development Division of the City of Greenville that such housing units are designated affordable housing. The Program will also apply to required septic to sewer conversions for qualifying households as certified by Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Annually, ReWa would notify these agencies the amount of, if any, approved Grant Funds available. The Grant Funds should be utilized to reimburse new account fees previously paid provided the

- housing units meet the requirements of this Program and are approved certified by either the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority or the Community Development Division of the City of Greenville based on the Development Project Closing Checklist, or
- household meets the requirements of the Program and are certified by the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority based on the Septic to Sewer Form.

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) Board of Commissioners' Meeting held Monday, July 24, 2023, at ReWa Headquarters.

The meeting was also held virtually via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fogleman at 4:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Fogleman, Vice Chairman Emily K. DeRoberts, Secretary/Treasurer Clint Thompson, Tom Coker, John T. Crawford, Jr., George Fletcher, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday and Tab Patton

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Ray Overstreet

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Workforce Development Jay Blankenship, Director of Business Services Julie Dacus, Director of Engineering Rebecca Bowyer, Director of Communications Chad Lawson, Director of Information Technology Toby Louris, Director of Water Resource Recovery Brian Smith, Controller Thomas Brooks, Customer Service Supervisor Veronica Davis, Government Affairs Liaison Kam Turner, Environmental Health & Safety Specialist Charles Rogers, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

Staff Present via ZOOM: IT Customer Support Manager Chris Lienau

Visitors Present: Dan Hamilton

Visitors were also present via Zoom

Safety Moment

Environmental Health & Safety Specialist Charles Rogers provided a Safety Moment on "Back Safety".

Chief Executive Officer Activity Update

CEO Jones provided the following information to the Commissioners:

1. CEO Jones informed the Board that ReWa hosted a 2-day Cultural Excellence Summit hosted by Keith Blackwell, a global client leader with Milliken. Attendees were chosen by Leadership as champions for their different areas of expertise. Attendees learned about different ways to practice continuous improvement and will learn more in future

- sessions and how to implement them in their areas. CEO Jones stated that Leadership has received great feedback from attendees and will be moving forward with several initiatives.
- 2. CEO Jones informed the Board that Leadership met with representatives from The Water Tower on Friday, July 14th from 10:00 am 1:00 pm at ReWa. The Water Tower representatives toured the Mauldin Road Innovation Campus, the Swamp Rabbit Trail, the Lab; and discussed partnership opportunities. CEO Jones reminded the Board that ReWa had recently traveled to The Water Tower for a tour and now both parties would be working on developing partnership opportunities.
- 3. CEO Jones thanked all of the Commissioners who attended the Facility Tour on Tuesday, July 18th. He indicated there would be ongoing opportunities to tour and SEA Steifle would coordinate.
- 4. CEO Jones informed the Board that ReWa hosted Greenville Technical College's (GTC) Curriculum meeting where they discussed a dual credit program between GTC and ReWa to assist with credit hours and prep for an Operator's License.
- 5. CEO Jones informed the Board that Commissioner Fogleman, Technical Services Officer Niesse, and himself attended NACWA's 53rd Annual Meeting and Utility Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. He stated several of ReWa's facilities will receive NACWA's Peak Performance Award for 100% compliance and these awards will be presented to the respective team by Chairman Fogleman at a future Board meeting.
- 6. CEO Jones reminded the Board members they should have received a calendar invite from SEA Steifle for the Board-to-Board/Leadership luncheon social with MetroConnects on Wednesday, August 16th. He stated we were in the process of setting a date, likely in September, to meet with the Delegation.

Report

Committee Chairman Fletcher provided a report on the July 13, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Centennial Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. This report was accepted as information.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner DeRoberts made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Coker seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Administration and Finance

Committee Chairman Coker provided an update on the July 24, 2023, Investment Summary, Summary of Financial Condition and Operating Expenses by Natural Classification. Committee Chairman Coker also provided an update on the New Account Fee (NAF) Classification Report and the Human Resources Scorecard.

Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program Update

The Administration & Finance Committee recommended that the Board update ReWa's Affordable Housing New Account Fee Program. Motion carries unanimously.

Operations and Planning

Committee Chairman Holliday provided information on the items listed under the July 24, 2023, Operations and Planning Committee section.

Mauldin Road WRRF Control Building Renovation Construction Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby award this work to Reeves Young for a cost not to exceed \$1,040,000 and that the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the initial contract plus up to \$100,000 in future contract amendments on behalf of ReWa.

Motion carries unanimously. This Resolution is made a part of these minutes.

Huff Creek Force Main Partial Replacement Construction Contract Award Resolution
The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable
Water Resources hereby award this work to Garney Companies, Inc. for a cost not to
exceed \$1,120,392 and that the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee is hereby
authorized to execute the contract on behalf of ReWa.

Motion carries unanimously. This Resolution is made a part of these minutes.

<u>Mauldin Road WRRF Switchgear Replacement Construction Contract Award</u> <u>Resolution</u>

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby award this work to Gregory Electric Company Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$3,289,267.24 and that the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the contract plus up to \$160,000 in future contract amendments on behalf of ReWa

Motion carries unanimously. This Resolution is made a part of these minutes.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

None

New Business

None

Other Business

None

There being no further business for discussion, Commissioner Thompson made a motion at 4:25 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DeRoberts seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

METROCONNECTS 120 AUGUSTA ARBOR WAY, TRAINING ROOM A GREENVILLE, SC 29605 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 - 12:00 P.M.



REWA AND METROCONNECTS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) and MetroConnects Board of Commissioners and Leadership Luncheon held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at MetroConnects Headquarters.

The meeting was called to order by MetroConnects Board Vice Chair Freeman at 12:00 P.M.

MetroConnects Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman Caleb Freeman, Secretary Jondia Berry, Terry Aldrich, Gordon Brush and Tony Schultz

MetroConnects Commissioners Absent: Chairman Jim Freeland and Randy Drew

MetroConnects Staff Present: General Manager Carol Elliott, Chief Operating Officer Jason Bagwell, Chief Technical Officer Josh Hawkins, Chief Financial Officer Christie Whitmire, Chief Information Officer Jake Tittle and PR and Communications Manager Carolyn Shanesy

ReWa Commissioners Present: Chairman R. L. Fogleman, Jr., Vice Chairman Emily K. DeRoberts, George Fletcher, Daniel P. Hamilton, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday and Ray C. Overstreet

Commissioners Absent: Tomas K. Coker, III, John T. Crawford, Jr., Tab Patton, and Clinton J. Thompson

ReWa Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

No visitors were present.

MetroConnects Vice Chairman Freeman opened the lunch at noon. Introductions were made over lunch and general conversations were held.

The meeting was scheduled to conclude at 1:00 P.M. With nothing further to discuss, MetroConnects Vice Chairman Freeman adjourned the luncheon at 1:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

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