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RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES
561 MAULDIN ROAD
GREENVILLE, SC 29607
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 – 1:15 P.M.



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CENTENNIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) Centennial Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held Monday, October 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Fletcher at 1:15 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Committee Chairman George Fletcher, Emily DeRoberts and Ray Overstreet

Non-Committee Members Present: R. L. Fogleman, Jr. and Phyllis Henderson

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca F. West, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Director of Communications Chad Lawson, Project Communications Specialist Gina Freeman, and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca Steifle

Visitors Present: None

Items discussed included:

- a. Minutes of the July 13, 2023, meeting were reviewed.
- b. Centennial Planning Updates
  - i. History
    - Commissioner Fletcher requested a timeline of all the major projects/developments over the last 100 years, to include the following:
      - a. Any external catalyst that impacted the projects
      - b. What was happening in the legislature during these times
  - ii. Communications
    - Director Lawson stated a robust communications plan has been developed, to include logos, etc. Director Lawson will schedule a

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meeting with Committee Chairman Fletcher to further discuss. This will also be discussed with the Committee.

### iii. Projects

- A project matrix was displayed, and the Committee discussed three

   (3) possible projects currently identified as "Centennial Projects".

   Committee Chairman Fletcher indicated other projects previously discussed needed to be added to the matrix.
  - a. Mural per CEO Jones, this is not considered a Centennial project. The Committee agreed.
  - b. Commissioners Water Garden per CEO Jones, this is already in progress and not a Centennial project. The Committee agreed.
  - c. Projects in different parts of the county (Commissioner Henderson) – not appropriate timing and thus not a Centennial project. The Committee agreed.
  - d. Land along Mauldin Road Campus (in front of innovation campus) – per Director Lawson, the tenants in the restored building would be part of the "Green Culture" of our eventual Foundation and can be extended to the events we host. This is a long-term project to be managed by the Foundation and thus not a Centennial project. The Committee agreed.
  - e. Pump House per CEO Jones, this is not a Centennial project, but we can put a Centennial logo on it when it is completed. The Committee agreed.

The Committee agreed the 3 projects listed were the only 3 projects for consideration as a Centennial project.

- Commissioner Fletcher requested a presentation on each project be made at the next Board meeting.
- CEO Jones requested 2 weeks to provide the Committee with feedback on the presentations for the Board. The format, time limit,

- and speaker for each presentation will be determined. Employee feedback will be solicited regarding the project.
- 4. The project matrix will be provided to the Board for its consideration prior to the November 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- c. Budget
  - i. A budget has been set, but will need to be adjusted based on the project chosen
- d. Foundation
  - i. Need to begin to research and be ready to present to the full Board

Commissioner Fletcher requested the Committee meet monthly going forward. Senior Executive Administrator Steifle will schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 – 2:30 P.M.



## **OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) Operations and Planning Committee Meeting held Monday, OCTOBER 23, 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 2:31 P.M.

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

Committee Members Present via Zoom: Tab Patton

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Non-Committee Members Present via Zoom: None

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca West, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Business Services Julie Dacus, Director of Engineering Becca Bowyer, Director of Information Technology Toby Louris, Director of Water Resource Recovery Brian Smith, Controller Eric Giryluk, Wet Weather Program Manager David Rankin, Design Services Manager Bryan Kohart, Infrastructure Program Manager Zach Dukes, Engineering Project Engineer Dillon Thompson, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, Contractor Rebecca West, Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca Steifle, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Megan Turner

Other staff members were also present via ZOOM.

Visitors Present: Independent Board Consultant Reid Lehman

## Mauldin Road Solar Dryer CMAR Construction Contract Amendment No. 1

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Harper Corp. for \$1,629,475.77 increasing the overall contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,669,475.77.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Overstreet and carried unanimously.

# Mauldin Road WRRF Juice System Rehabilitation and Replacement Construction Contract Amendment No. 1

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to the contract with JL Construction Company, Inc. for \$71,464 increasing the overall contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,224,449.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Overstreet and carried unanimously.

## Long Branch Creek Sewer Upgrade Right of Way Acquisition

Commissioner Crawford motioned that the Board approve and the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee are directed to proceed with this project and acquire through gift, purchase, or by exercise of eminent domain, rights of way and/or land over properties needed to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed infrastructure. This authority is to include, but not be limited to, the institution of any and all other actions reasonably associated with acquiring the necessary rights of way for construction.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

Notification of meeting was distributed on October 20, 2023 to The Greenville News, Tribune Times, The Laurens County Advertiser, The Spartanburg Herald Journal, The Anderson Observer, Greenville County Council, <a href="https://www.rewaonline.org">www.rewaonline.org</a>, and ReWa Headquarters.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 – 8:30 A.M.



## POLICY AD HOC COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES

Minutes of the Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) Policy Ad Hoc Committee Workshop held Tuesday, November 2, 2023, at Renewable Water Resources.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Crawford at 8:30 A.M.

ReWa Commissioners Present: Committee Chairman John T. Crawford, Jr., Vice Chairman Emily K. DeRoberts, and George Fletcher

Commissioners Absent: None

ReWa Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Operations Officer Rebecca F. West, and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

Visitors Present: Reid Lehman, Board Consultant and Rivers Stilwell, ReWa General Counsel of Maynard Nexsen

Board Consultant Lehman reviewed the Policy Governance model and provided a recommendation to the Committee of how the Board's time could be spent effectively using the Policy Governance model. This included a tentative annual draft agenda, which could be adjusted as needed by the Chair.

Discussion was held by the Committee, and it was agreed that the Committee would recommend to the Board that it continue to meet 12 times per year, continue with 2 Workshops per year, and usually host two Committee meetings before each Board meeting for the first six months, subject to review to determine if Committee meetings are necessary. If a change is warranted, Committee meetings can be alternated depending upon the business required to be discussed.

If a single committee meeting format is chosen, the Committee will propose to the Board that Committee meetings begin at 2:30 pm and the Board meeting continue beginning at 4:00 pm. Ad Hoc Committee meetings will continue to meet when needed and be scheduled by Senior Executive Administrator Steifle.

Board Consultant Lehman led the Committee in a discussion of the policies contained in Category II, Governance Process Policies. Discussion was held and revisions were made. This information will be presented to the Board for its consideration.

Board Consultant Lehman led the Committee in a discussion to clean up policies 4.2, 4.8.2, and 4.11.5 in Category IV, Executive Limitations. Discussion was held and revisions were made. This information will be presented to the Board for its consideration.

Board Consultant Lehman led the Committee in a discussion regarding the CEO Evaluation Process under the Policy Governance Model. Discussion was held. Staff will propose a tracking process to the committee.

After adoption of Policy Governance, if the Board chooses more flexibility regarding less meetings or alternate timing on meetings, the Bylaw revisions, which will be offered for approval at the November meeting will need an additional edit. General Counsel Stilwell and Board Consultant Lehman suggested Article IX, Section 1 on Meetings end with "as otherwise ordered by the Commission." This keeps the paragraph as it was originally and eliminates the suggested additional language that adds unnecessary complexity.

With regards to next steps, Consultant Lehman will finalize the documents discussed today and provide to Senior Executive Administrator Steifle to coordinate for the Board Workshop on December 8th. The draft manual will be given to the board in three-ring notebooks with tabs for easy access to the materials.

The Ad Hoc Committee will request time at the November Board meeting for Committee Chairman Crawford and Board Consultant Lehman to explain the process thus far, to preview the December workshop, and to hand out the draft notebooks.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

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RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES
561 MAULDIN ROAD
GREENVILLE, SC 29607
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.



# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) Public Hearing held Monday, November 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at ReWa Headquarters.

Commissioners Present: Chairman R. L. Fogleman, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Clint Thompson, Thomas K. Coker, III, George Fletcher, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday, and Ray C. Overstreet

Commissioners Present Absent: Vice Chairman Emily DeRoberts, John T. Crawford, Jr., Dan Hamilton, and Tab Patton

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca F. West, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Engineering Rebecca Bowyer, Controller Eric Giryluk, Strategic Communications Manager Dudley Brown, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle and Executive Administrative Assistant Kendra Kennedy

Visitors Present: Rivers Stilwell of Nexsen Maynard

Chairman Fogleman called the Public Hearing to order at 2:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the hearing was to allow customers to express their views regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year End 2024 Budget.

CFO Caldwell noted one change since the last Board meeting. She reminded the Board that the budget had been increased by \$250,000 per a request by Commissioner Fletcher for the Centennial project. She stated the Public Notice reflected this increase. Further, she stated she would ensure that BoardDocs was updated with the most recent information.

No comments were received, in person or in writing, regarding the proposed budget, thus the Proposed Fiscal Year End 2024 Budget will be discussed and voted on during the November 27, 2023, regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

At 2:10 pm, on motion by Commissioner Fletcher and second by Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Fogleman adjourned the Public Hearing.

# RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

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### OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) Operations and Planning Committee Meeting held Monday, NOVEMBER 27, 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 2:31 P.M.

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

Committee Members Present via Zoom: None

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Non-Committee Members Present via Zoom: None

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca West, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, Director of Business Services Julie Dacus, Director of Engineering Becca Bowyer, Director of Water Resource Recovery Brian Smith, Controller Eric Giryluk, Wet Weather Program Manager David Rankin, Design Services Manager Bryan Kohart, Infrastructure Program Manager Zach Dukes, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca Steifle, Executive Administrative Assistant Kendra McCaskill, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Megan Turner

Other staff members were also present via ZOOM.

Visitors Present: Attorney Rivers Stilwell with Nexsen Maynard

Brushy Creek Pump House Conference Center Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Overstreet motioned that the Board award the Brushy Creek Pump House Conference Center contract to G.W. Liles Construction and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,951,298 plus up to \$150,000 in future contract amendments through an Owner-controlled contingency.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried unanimously.

## Mauldin Road Wet Weather Pump Station Ph 1-C Construction Amendment 1

Commissioner Crawford motioned that the Board approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 1 to the contract with M.B. Kahn Construction, Inc. for \$317,658.00 increasing the overall contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$931,858.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and carried unanimously.

### Piedmont #2 PS Upgrade Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board award the Piedmont #2 PS Upgrade contract to JL Construction Co., Inc. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$645,550.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried unanimously.

# State Park PS Elimination Construction Contract Award

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board award the State Park Rd. PS Elimination contract to Chandler Construction Services, Inc. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,094,052.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Patton and carried unanimously.

## Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Commissioner Crawford motioned that the Board adopt the MetroConnects and Renewable Water Resources Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan dated August 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and carried unanimously.

## Easley Combined Utilities Capacity Contract Amendment

Commissioner Henderson motioned that the Board execute the First Amendment to the Contract for Service and Capacity in Georges Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility Capacity with Easly Combined Utilities and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract amendment for an increase in capacity of 199,500 gallons per day.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried unanimously.

### Unfinished Business: Swamp Rabbit Gravity Sewer Upgrade Public Meeting

Technical Services Officer David Niesse gave a verbal report on the Swamp Rabbit Gravity Sewer Upgrade Public Meeting that was held on November 6, 2023. The discussion included the need for the project, alternatives evaluated, rationale for the selected alternative, and the environmental and financial impacts of the selected alternative for the project. There were no attendees or questions from the public. No action was taken.

## Other Business: New Account Fees

Technical Services Officer David Niesse gave a verbal report on the New Account Fees progress. A brief discussion was held. No action resulted.

# RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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, November 27, 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, Daniel P. Hamilton, and George W. Fletcher.

Non-Committee Members Present: Board Chairman R.L. Fogleman and John T. Crawford Jr.

Staff Present: CEO Joel Jones, COO Rebecca West, 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, Director of Resource Recovery Brian Smith, Controller Eric Giryluk, Customer Service Supervisor Veronica Davis, Executive Administrator Kendra McCaskill, IT Desktop Support Administrator John Ryan, and Accountant Kayla Quick.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Coker at 3:14 P.M.

# **Investment Summary**

The Committee reviewed the Investment Summary.

# Summary of Financial Condition

The Committee reviewed the Summary of Financial Condition.

## New Account Fee (NAF) Classification Report

The Committee reviewed the NAF Classification Report.

## Sustainability Services Scorecard

The Committee reviewed the Human Resources Scorecard.

### Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The Committee reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Committee Member Thompson made a motion to recommend to the Board that ReWa approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and carried unanimously.

### Presentation – Employee Retention Efforts

The Committee received a presentation on Employee Retention Efforts. The presentation was for informational purposes and was not subject to any further action.

# RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

APPROVED:

R.L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

CLINTON J. THOMPSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER

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RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES
HTI CORPORATE OFFICE
105 N SPRINT STREET, SUITE 200
GREENVILLE, SC 29601
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.



## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Chairman R. L. Fogleman, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Clint Thompson, Thomas K. Coker, III, John T. Crawford, Jr., George Fletcher, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday, Ray C. Overstreet, and Tab Patton

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Emily DeRoberts and Dan Hamilton

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca F. West and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

Visitors Present: Reid Lehman, Board Consultant, Rivers Stilwell and Clay Turner, Attorneys with Maynard Nexsen, and Herb Dew, Founder and CEO of HTI Consulting

Chairman Fogleman called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Mr. Stilwell provided an ethics update and discussed the completion of the South Carolina State Ethics Commission annual forms. Discussion was held. Mr. Stilwell will provide follow-up to the Board on various questions. This report was received as information.

Mr. Lehman provided a Policy Governance update to the Board. Mr. Lehman presented a PowerPoint presentation to aid in discussion. He first reviewed how the Bylaws, which were approved at the November meeting, had changed with Policy Governance. He reviewed key policies that affected the Board/Staff Relationship, Rules of Order, and Committee rework, and explained some of the benefits of the model:

- Clarity
- Clear understanding of when the CEO may act, and when he must wait
- Objective standards for operations
- Clarity on importance of strategic priorities

Mr. Lehman also discussed how Policy Governance would allow the Board to use its time differently. There would be much less focus on routine items. He stated orientation and education would be important as would monthly monitoring reports. He discussed how more formal decision preparation could be done more thoroughly at the Committee level. He provided a sample agenda for the year 2024 for the Board to consider.

At the conclusion of Mr. Lehman's report, Chairman Fogleman requested approval of Section II, III and IV of the Policy Governance Manual. After discussion, Policy Governance Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Crawford motioned and Commissioner

Overstreet seconded approval of Sections II, III and IV of the Policy Governance Manual. All Commissioner voted yea, except for Commissioner Fletcher who voted nay. Chairman Fogleman stated that the work of the Policy Ad Hoc Governance Committee was complete and would now roll up under the Community Outreach Standing Committee.

The Workshop recessed for lunch at 11:45 A.M. Chairman Fogleman called the meeting back to order at 1:15 P.M. All attendees were present for the afternoon session except for CEO Jones and COO West.

Herb Dew, Founder and CEO of HTI, provide a presentation on short-term and long-term CEO Succession Planning. Mr. Dew provided the Board with a process map to help them with succession planning. He stated next steps were to:

- 1. Create a Succession Planning subcommittee of 2-3 people
- 2. Define the CEO Profile
- 3. Define the Interview Process

Mr. Dew stated he could walk the Board through the above process in 1 hour. Chairman Fogleman expressed a desire to define the CEO Profile soon.

After the conclusion of Mr. Dew's presentation, he was dismissed from the meeting.

Chairman Fogleman indicated he had several miscellaneous items to bring before the Board. They were as follows:

- 1. Commissioner Christmas Bonuses
  - a. After discussion, Commissioner Fletcher made a motion that the Board does not pay themselves a Christmas bonus this year, or any year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. All Commissioners voted yay, except for Commissioner Overstreet who voted nay.
- 2. Role of Board Officers
  - a. After discussion, it was decided that a vote was not necessary, and the Board would not increase the pay of Board Officers.
- 3. Board Succession
  - a. The Board had varying opinions on Board Succession and how to approach the respective Delegations; however, they agreed that discussions needed to begin early with candidates ReWa would like for them to consider and introductions should be made for open seats.

Commissioner Fletcher asked for the following information:

- The sponsorship process and a breakdown of the 2023 dollars spent on sponsorships.
- 2. A breakdown on what was spent on Unity Park,
- 3. A determination if Bill Nicholson was still a consultant for ReWa and his monthly fee.

Chairman Fogleman requested Senior Executive Administrator Steifle to email this information directly to him.

Chairman Fogleman provided time for Commissioner Fletcher to provide a Centennial update. After discussion, Chairman Fogleman stated the Committee was established to choose a Centennial Project and he expected the Committee to provide the Board with a recommendation as all other Committees do.

With there being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN

MINUTES RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES 561 MAULDIN ROAD GREENVILLE, SC 29607 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 - 4:00 P.M.



## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of Renewable Water Resources' (ReWa) Board of Commissioners' Meeting held Monday, November 27, 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, Secretary/Treasurer Clint Thompson, Thomas K. Coker, III, John T. Crawford, Jr., George Fletcher, Daniel P. Hamilton, Phyllis Henderson, Danny Holliday, Ray C. Overstreet and Tab Patton

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Emily K. DeRoberts

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Joel H. Jones, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca F. West, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Caldwell, Sustainability Services Officer Kaye Davis, Technical Services Officer David Niesse, Operations Services Officer Angie Price, 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 Eric Giryluk, Customer Service Supervisor Veronica Davis, Government Affairs Liaison, Environmental Health & Safety Specialist Charles Rogers, IT Desktop Support Analyst John Ryan, Executive Administrative Assistant Kendra Kennedy, and Senior Executive Administrator Rebecca A. Steifle

Staff Present via ZOOM: Design Services Manager Bryan Kohart, IT Customer Support Manager Chris Lienau and IT Desktop Support Administrator Michael Sabbah

Visitors Present: Reid Lehman, Board Consultant and Rivers Stilwell, Corporate Counsel

Visitors were also present via Zoom

Policy Governance Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Crawford introduced Board Consultant Reid Lehman. Mr. Lehman provided a brief update on the work completed thus far on Policy Governance. He stated a more in-depth update and discussion would be held at the December 8, 2023, Board Workshop.

# Safety Moment

Environmental Health & Safety Specialist Charles Rogers provided the Safety Moment.

## Verbal Reports

Verbal reports were provided on the following:

- 1. October 23, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Centennial Ad Hoc Committee
- 2. November 2, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Policy Governance Ad Hoc Committee
- 3. November 27, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Centennial Ad Hoc Committee

Verbal reports were accepted as information.

## Consent Agenda

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

## Operations and Planning

Committee Chairman Holliday provided information on the items listed under the October 23, 2023, Operations and Planning Committee section.

## Brushy Creek Pump House Conference Center Construction Award Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby award this work to G.W. Liles Construction for a cost not to exceed \$1,951,298 and that the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the initial contract plus up to \$150,000 in future contract amendments on behalf of ReWa,

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

# <u>Mauldin Road Wet Weather Pump Station Phase 1-C Construction Contract</u> Amendment No. 1 Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby amend the contract with M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc. and authorize the Chief Executive Officer and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to bring the total contract to a not-to-exceed amount of \$931,858.00.

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

### Piedmont #2 PS Upgrade Construction Contract Award Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby award this work to JL Construction Co., Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$645,550 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.

### State Park Rd. PS Elimination Construction Contract Award Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby award this work to Chandler Construction Services, Inc. for a

cost not to exceed \$1,094,052 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.

## Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby adopt the MetroConnects and Renewable Water Resources Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

## Easley Combined Utilities Capacity Contract Amendment Resolution

The Operations & Planning Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources hereby amend the contract with Easley Combined Utilities and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to increase Easley Combined Utilities Capacity from 500,000 gallons per day to 699,500 gallons per day.

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

## Administration and Finance

Committee Chairman Coker provided an update on the November 27, 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.

### Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The Administration and Finance Committee recommended to the Board that Renewable Water Resources approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Revenues of \$122,033,125, Operating Expenses before Depreciation of \$54,695,164, Depreciation Expense of \$38,000,000, Interest Expense of \$7,963,137 and the Net Position Increase of \$21,374,824. Additionally, be it resolved that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvements Budget of \$84,588,805. The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Summaries are made a part of this Resolution.

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

The Board voted separately on the \$125,000 budgeted expense to Roper Mountain Science Center. Commissioner Henderson completed a recusal form and recused herself from the conversation and vote due to a conflict of interest. The recusal form is made a part of these minutes.

### **Unfinished Business**

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Holliday to approve the Bylaws presented at the November 27, 2023, Board meeting. Motion carries unanimously. The Bylaws are made a part of these minutes.

## **New Business**

### Nominating Committee

Chairman Fogleman designated the Nominating Committee. Members are Commissioner Holliday (Chairman), Commissioner Coker, and Commissioner Overstreet.

## Centennial Projects

Centennial Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Fletcher provided a brief update to the Board regarding the Centennial projects. He informed the Board that four projects were under consideration and a presentation would be made to the Board at the January meeting.

### Other Business

CEO Jones provided a preview of the upcoming activities for the Board's consideration.

### **Executive Session**

At 4:35 p.m., Commissioner Henderson motioned to go into Executive Session for receipt of legal advice regarding the potential settlement of legal claims and separately proposed contractual agreements. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 4:47 p.m. and the Chairman report no action was taken in Executive Session. The Committee returned to regular session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Thompson made a motion at 4:48 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coker seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

R. L. FOGLEMAN, JR., CHAIRMAN