

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY  
HELD ON MAY 26, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on Friday, May 26, 2017, at approximately 10:00 a.m., in the Second Floor Board Room, 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

The following members of the Board were present: Ms. Deborah Gross, Ms. Margaret L. Lanier, Mr. Paul Leger, Ms. Debbie Lestitian, Ms. Chatón Turner, and Mr. Jim Turner.

Absent was Mr. Michael Weber.

Present from the staff were Robert Weimar, Antoinette Palmieri, Tanya Gore White, Kent Lindsay, Kelly Morgano, Todd Adams, George Robinson, Rick Obermeier, Will Pickering, Joey Vallarian, Gina Cyprych, James Stitt, and Yasser Abouaish.

Also present were Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor; Daniel Cain; Matt Sickles of SDM Smith; Doug Amos of MS Consulting, INC; Peter Gilmore and Rev. Dr. Vincent Kolb of Sixth Presbyterian Church and PA interfaith Impact Network; Herb Higginbotham of AECOM; Heather Dockson and Chad Davis of Michael Baker; Stephen Polen of Mott MacDonald; Ricky Burgess of Hatch-Chester; Dan Davis and Mark Pitterle of Skelly and Loy; Dana Louton of DUQ Light; Mike Pastorkovich, Eva Resnick-Day, and Claudia Kirkpatrick of The Sierra Club; Bernard R. Lindstrom of LCG; Alex Sciulli of ALEM Consulting; Jamilah Lahijuddin of the Hill District Consensus Group; Les Ludwig of L + A Consulting; Mike Blackhurst of the University Center for Social and Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh; Brad Korinsky Legal Counsel for Country Controller Chelsa Wagner; Tanya Carelto of Arcadis; Tassi Bisers of Out Water Campaign; Adam Tuznik of Clean Water Action; Jason McBride of Wade Trim; Bob Denalen of Gannett Fleming; Glen Stephens of GSI; Coreen Casadei of Collective Efforts, LLC; Casey Mednis of PGH Lead Action Now; Brian Merrett of Black & Veatch; Samey Jay and Alyson Shaw of PGH United; Tim Nuttle of CEC; Ken and Dave Vegely of Vegely Welding; Paul Ionadi of Dynotec; Adam Smeltz of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Tom Carey of JMT; Jonathan Shimko of Tetra Tech; Holly Hudson of Cosmos; Tim Dean and Vaughan Heer of AMEC Foster Wheeler; David Troianos of GAI; Jason Baguet of Sci-Tek; M. Crall of HDR; Mark Karolski of Buchart Horn; Jim Daley of Crawford Consulting Services; Caitlin Schroering; John Coyne of CEC; and Joe Cusick of Parkview Advisors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

An executive session was held prior to the start of the Regular Board Meeting wherein no votes were taken. The Vice Chair informed the attendees that legal and personnel matters were discussed.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lester Ludwig, L + A Consulting and former mayoral candidate, spoke of a potential solution of coating lead pipes.

Jamilah Lahijuddin, Hill District Consensus Group, welcomed new Board members. He spoke about the group's concerns regarding IMG and privatization.

Rev. Dr. Vincent Kolb, Sixth Presbyterian Church and PA interfaith Impact Network, spoke on behalf of the Our Water Campaign and their concerns about privatization. They believe in safe, affordable, publicly controlled water.

Mike Blackhurst, University Center for Social and Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh, also spoke on behalf of the Our Water Campaign and focused comments on studies that show dangers of partial lead line replacements.

Alyson Shaw, Clean Rivers Campaign Coordinator for Pittsburgh United, spoke on behalf of the Our Water Campaign and the potential dangers of partial lead line replacements.

Brad Korinsky, Legal Counsel for Chelsa Wagner (the Country Controller), spoke on the lead issue in Pittsburgh. He mentioned the potential dangers of partial lead line replacements and called for State resources to help solve the problem.

Casey Mednis, Organizer with PGH Lead Action Now, spoke on lead line replacements and shared her personal story. She stressed the importance of affordable full lead line replacements.

Ken Vegely, Vegely Welding Company, expressed concern with delayed payment for work performed. Mr. Weimar commended the company's work.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Ms. Gross motioned to amend the minutes to reflect her stance on agenda item #84 that partial line replacement is not optimal and PWSA was only doing partial line replacements because of DEP enforcement and requirements. Ms. Lanier seconded the amendment.

Vice Chair Lanier entertained a motion to approve the Amended Minutes of the April Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Gross seconded the motion.

The Amended Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **BILLS AND COMMUNICATION**

##### **Financial Updates**

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director for the PWSA, reviewed for the Board the financial information from April 2017. The total operating revenues were \$13.9 Million; the total operating expenses were \$14.7 Million.

##### **Report of Consulting Engineer**

Mr. Barry King, of Mott MacDonald, provided a status update on curb box inspections and the webpage that will show the results of the curb box inspections. Ms. Gross noted that the webpage disclosure was done in other cities and is a best practice for lead line disclosure. Mr. King also provided updates on the Aspinwall filter rehabilitation, Lanpher main project, the Microfiltration Plant, DEP permit status, and the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward sewer system improvements.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **No. 89 of 2017      Election of Officers of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority**

Ms. Lanier welcomed the new Board members and passed the gavel over to Mark Nowak, PWSA Solicitor, who presented the details of this Resolution and motioned for nominations.

Ms. Turner nominated Ms. Lestitian as the Chairperson, Ms. Lanier as Vice Chairperson, Mr. Leger as Treasurer, Mr. Turner as Secretary, and Ms. Gross as Assistant Secretary.

Ms. Lanier motioned for discussion of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Leger seconded.

The Executive Committee will consist of Ms. Lestitian, Mr. Leger, and Mr. Turner.

Mr. Nowak entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chairperson Lestitian thanked all of the Board members and those who gave public comment.

### **No. 90 of 2017      Approving Refunds, Legal Adjustments, and Exoneration Adjustments Recommended by the Water Exoneration Hearing Board**

Tanya Gore-White, Customer Service Manager, welcomed the new Board and proceeded to explain the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

Ms. Turner requested an information session to better understand the Water Exoneration process.

Ms. Lanier questioned the appeal time frame. Ms. Gore-White explained that it is 90 days.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

### **No. 91 of 2017      Approval of Multiple Professional Services Agreements for Temporary Staffing Services**

Tanya Gore-White, Customer Service Manager, explained the details of this Resolution.

Mr. Leger questioned if PWSA is still on track to reduce the temporary staff. Ms. Gore-White confirmed that the PWSA is on track and will make two

additional reductions of temporary staff in June.

Ms. Turner questioned if there is an opportunity to negotiate lower rates by entering into a contact until September. Ms. Gore-White responded that this will be discussed with the Human Resources and Procurement Departments.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 92 of 2017**

**Authorization for the Completion of the Work Associated With Meeting the Requirements of the EPA Section 308 Implementation Plan for Source Reduction; Due to EPA on December 1, 2017**

James Stitt, Sustainability Manager, welcomed the new Board and then explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 93 of 2017**

**Authorizing PWSA Officers to Execute Documents Replacing the Remarketing Agent for the Series 2008 B-1 Bonds**

Kent Lindsay, Finance Director, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Ms. Lanier questioned if this affects the terms of the bonds. Mr. Lindsay answered that it does not affect the bond.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 94 of 2017**

**Awarding an Operating Contract to purchase VMWare licensing and support**

Adejuwon Anjoorin, MIS Manager, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Gross is pleased to see that using Co-stars has saved PWSA 10-15%.

Mr. Leger asked if there is an option for real computers.

Ms. Lanier asked if this is the latest version of the software.

Mr. Anjoorin explained that there are about 80 people on these virtual networks, primarily in customer service. And yes, this is the latest version.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 95 of 2017      Approving the Purchase Two Backhoes From A Previous Lease Agreement**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Mr. Turner asked about the expected lifespan of a backhoe. Mr. Obermeier replied usually 7-8 years.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 96 of 2017      Awarding a Professional Services Agreement for Traffic Control Services to W.D. Wright Contracting for Traffic Control Services**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Gross so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 97 of 2017      Approving an Amendment to an Operating Contract Piggybacking the City of Pittsburgh's Contract No. 6886 for Uniform Rental & Laundry Services to Unifirst**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Lestitian asked for an example of an unforeseen circumstance that affects the unforeseen costs. Mr. Obermeier explained an example is charges for repairs of uniforms.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 98 of 2017      Approval is requested to award a Sole Source Operating Contract for the**

### **Purchase of 1-1/2" and 2" Badger Water Meters**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Gross asked about the application of these meters. Mr. Obermeier explained that these are for commercial customers and will be ordered on an as-needed basis. Ms. Gross would like more information on the different meter types.

Ms. Lestitian questioned why this is a sole source contract. Mr. Obermeier explained that this vendor is the only one that makes this specific type of meter.

Ms. Turner questioned why the meters are being replaced. Mr. Obermeier explained that the older ones that were installed in 1990-1991 are no longer compatible with the latest software.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 99 of 2017**

### **Approval is requested to approve Option 1 for PWSA Project No. 63 for catch basin cleaning**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 100 of 2017**

### **Approval is requested to approve Option Term IV for PWSA Project No. PWSA 9 for Fire Hydrants to L/B Water Service Inc.**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution to replace broken Fire Hydrants.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 101 of 2017**

### **Awarding an Operating Contract by Piggybacking the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance's Contract No. R142212 for Furniture and Installation to Office Depot."**

Barry King, Mott MacDonald Consultant, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 102 of 2017      Approving a Hydrant and Catch Basin Relocation Agreement with Asbury Place Real Estate LLC.**

George Robinson, Manager of Development Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Turner so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 103 of 2017      Approving PWSA's Policy of Providing Water for Community Gardens and Greening Projects**

Rick Obermeier, Acting Director of Field Services, explained the details of this Resolution.

Mr. Turner stated that the PWSA has donated water to the Community Gardens for more than 20 years. Ms. Gross stressed that it is important to have this support and service for the Community Gardens, but also to stress conservation. Ms. Turner asked who is responsible for the bill and how it is collected. Mr. Obermeier explained that there is an application that provides information on the responsible party. Ms. Gross noted the vacant lot kit that is available through the City. Mr. Weimer suggested to Councilwoman Gross that PWSA meet with the group and establish a more formal relationship.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 104 of 2017      Approving a Service Contract for SCADA System**

Yasser Abouaish, Deputy Director of Water Production, explained the details of this Resolution.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 105 of 2017 Request Approval of a Change Order for an Increase to the Contract Value in Relation to the THM Removal System for Allentown and Squirrel Hill Tanks Project, PWSA Project Number 2008-930-119-0**

Barry King, Mott MacDonald Consultant, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Turner asked for clarification of the goals that are not being met. Mr. King explained that this is proprietary technology. The WBE/MBE goals were not set for this contract.

Mr. Leger and Ms. Lanier both asked if steps have been taken to ensure the strong freeze does not adversely affect the tank. Mr. King explained how the issue was addressed. Ms. Gross asked if the THMs levels were ever out of compliance. Mr. King explained that the PWSA was never out of compliance. All of the samples were below the 88ppb.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 106 of 2017 Approving an Expedited Contractor Change Order (ECCO) No. 2 to the 2016 Urgent Water Repair Contract between Frank J. Zottola Construction Inc. and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for the Emergency Repair of the 60-inch Lanpher Rising Main.**

Barry King, Mott MacDonald Consultant, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Lanier appreciated the reporting of the MBE/WBE goals. Ms. Lanier would like PWSA to continue to report these numbers. Ms. Lestitian asked when the project will be completed. Mr. King advised that the project will be completed around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 107 of 2017 Request Approval of a Change Order for an Increase to Contract Quantities in relation to the 2016 Urgent Water Repairs Contract, PWSA Project Number DISC-325-177-1**

Barry King, Mott MacDonald Consultant, explained the details of this Resolution.

Mr. Turner asked if the cost was \$200k or higher would there have been greater regulation. Mr. King explained that there would have been no other regulation for a higher price. Mr. Leger asked if this is a time and materials



contract. Mr. King answered that this is an IDIQ contract, meaning Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Ms. Turner seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Vice Chair Lanier noted that the report was in the Board Packet and advised the Board Members that if they had questions, they may follow up with the Interim Executive Director, Mr. Weimar.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **No. 108 of 2017      Requesting Approval of Barry King as Interim Director of Engineering**

Mark Nowak, PWSA Solicitor, explained the details of this Resolution. Mr. Weimar noted that this is a budgeted position, and that the PWSA is searching for a permanent Director of Engineering.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Leger so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

##### **No. 109 of 2017      Approval to Enter a Cooperation and License Agreement for the East Liberty Larimer Park with the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the City of Pittsburgh, and the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh**

James Stitt, Sustainability Manager, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Gross supports and encourages this cooperation agreement and hopes to see more agreements like this in the future. She is concerned about maintenance of the project.

Mr. Weimar stated that the PWSA is working to set up a meeting with DPW to discuss storm water and Green Infrastructure maintenance.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Turner so moved and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**No. 110 of 2017     Awarding a CIP Contract for the 2016 Green Infrastructure Project- Hillcrest Street, North Atlantic Avenue and Donna Street PWSA Project No. 2016-GI-103-0 to Independent Enterprises, Inc.**

Barry King, Mott MacDonald Consultant, explained the details of this Resolution.

Ms. Gross is happy to see this work in watershed A22.

Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to discuss and adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

No further discussion was held and the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

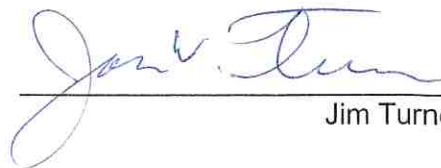
Mr. Weimar discussed several high-level issues, including his motto "Get Stuff Done". The goal is to provide the best next water system.

Ms. Gross thanked all PWSA's partners in helping to rebuild "our old city". She noted that we are looking to build a system that will last the next 100 years, and to do so, PWSA needs the support of the government.

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

There were no further discussions. Chairperson Lestitian entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lanier so moved and Mr. Leger seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was unanimously adopted.

The next meeting will be on June 23, 2017.

  
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Jim Turner, Secretary