

MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**February 10, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was held on February 10, 2016 at the Authority headquarters in Charlestown. Vice-Chair Carroll presided. Present from the Board were Ms. Wolowicz and Messrs. Blackmon, Flanagan, Foti, Pappastergion, Pena, Vitale and Walsh. Messrs. Beaton and Cotter 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, David Coppes, Waterworks Director, Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Director of Planning and Sustainability, 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 Board of Directors meeting of January 13, 2016, as presented and filed with the records of the meeting.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Carroll sadly reported on the passing of Mary Ann McClellan, office manager for the MWRA Advisory Board for the last 18 years. He and Mr. Favaloro spoke of the important work she did, her unfailingly sweet and kind nature, and how much she would be missed, and a moment of silence was observed in her honor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Laskey reported on various matters, including the continuing national press coverage of the issue of lead in drinking water in Flint, Michigan and other locations.

BOARD ACTIONS

APPROVALS

FY17 Proposed Current Expense Budget

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve transmittal of the FY17 Proposed Current Expense Budget to the MWRA Advisory Board for its 60 day review and comment period.

Approval of the Seventy-Second Supplemental Resolution

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to adopt the Seventy-Second Supplemental Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$550,000,000 of Massachusetts Water Resources Authority General Revenue Bonds and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority General Revenue Refunding Bonds and the supporting Issuance Resolution.

Assignment and Consent to Assignment, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to approve the assignment of contracts from Fay Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc. and Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Corp., as presented and filed with the records of the meeting, to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. with no changes to the contracts and to further authorize the Executive Director to execute an Assignment and Consent to Assignment Agreement.

CSO Annual Progress Report for 2015

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to authorize staff to submit the Combined Sewer Overflow Annual Progress Report 2015 to the Federal District Court by March 15, 2016, in compliance with Schedule Seven of the Boston Harbor Case.

2016 Affirmative Action Plan

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Affirmative Action Plan effective for a one-year period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

PCR Amendments – February 2016

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

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

Appointment of Warehouse Manager, Deer Island

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 Warehouse Manager (Unit 6, Grade 12) at an annual salary of \$91,604 to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Deputy Director, Deer Island Treatment Plant

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Ethan Wenger to the position of Deputy Director, Deer Island Wastewater

Treatment Plant (Non-Union, Grade 15), at an annual salary of \$127,374, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of Program Manager, Environmental Compliance & Monitoring

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. David Wu, to the position of Program Manager, Environmental Compliance and Monitoring (Unit 9, Grade 29), at an annual salary of \$93,102 to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of IT Architect, MIS

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Shantanu Patil to the position of IT Architect in the MIS Department (Unit 6, Grade 13), at an annual salary of \$121,913, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

Appointment of IT Architect, MIS

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to appoint Mr. Sean Thomas to the position of IT Architect in the MIS Department (Unit 6, Grade 13), at an annual salary of \$117, 179, to be effective on the date designated by the Executive Director.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Miscellaneous Fencing: Premier Fence LLC, Contract 6760X

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 6760X, Miscellaneous Fencing, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Premier Fence LLC., and to authorize

the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$708,000, for a term of 730 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Supply and Delivery of Hydrogen Peroxide for the Deer Island Treatment Plant: U.S. Peroxide, LLC, Bid WRA-4147

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Purchase Order Contract WRA-4147, for the supply and delivery of hydrogen peroxide to the Deer Island Treatment Plant, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, U.S. Peroxide, LLC, and to authorize the Director of Administration, on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver said contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,122,000 for a period of two years, from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Reduction Facility: Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc., Contract 7411

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 7411, Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Reduction Facility, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$7,272,432 for a term of 540 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Caruso Pump Station Improvements: Waterline Industries Corp., Contract 7362

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 7362, Caruso Pump Station Improvements, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Waterline Industries Corp., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$4,097,097.00 for a term of 365 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

MWRA Nut Island Emergency Demolition and Duct Cleaning: Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Contract OP-320

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract OP-320, MWRA Nut Island Emergency Demolition, Duct Cleaning and Related Services, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Daniel O'Connell's Sons, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$723,400, for a term of 30 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Rosemary Brook Siphon Buildings Repair and Stabilization: Calhess Restoration and Waterproofing Corp., Contract 7472

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 7472, Rosemary Brook Siphon Buildings Repair and Stabilization, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Calhess Restoration and Weatherproofing Corporation, and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$1,696,700 for a term of 260 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

Hatchery Pipeline and Hydroelectric Project: Waterline Industries Corp, Contract 7235

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the award of Contract 7235, Hatchery Pipeline and Hydroelectric Project, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Waterline Industries Corp., and to authorize the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, to execute said contract in the bid amount of \$3,657,677, for a term of 545 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed.

OTHER BUSINESS – The Need for Metropolitan Tunnel Redundancy

Mr. Laskey noted that this item, which was referred to the Board by the Water Policy and Oversight Committee, was the first of three planned briefings on the topic. Staff gave a presentation on why redundancy for the Metropolitan Tunnels is essential and depicted the condition of the system, potential failure scenarios, the difficulty of recovering from any failure and restoring service, and the inability to shut down the system for either inspection or maintenance.

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		
Pappastergion		
Pena		
Vitale		
Walsh		
Wolowicz		
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 the consideration of adjournment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The meeting returned to open session at 2:25 p.m. and adjourned.

Approved: March 16, 2016

Attest:

  
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Rose Marie Convery, Assistant Secretary