

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF

August 10, 2021

(Meeting held virtually via Zoom, with six attendees also being in person at the District office)

Chairman Sheldon announced at 5:06 PM that the virtual meeting was being recorded and asked for each of the Board members to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: (Attending in person) Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Present, Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Present and Robert H. Sheldon, Chairman - Present.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Attending in person Executive Director Vincent J. Roy, and Customer Service Manager Renee M. Adams and Assistant Treasurer Karen Moretti. Although there was a virtual attendance option, the only attendees were those noted as being in person at the District's conference room.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 23rd COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of July 23, 2021, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Fox, duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved unanimously by roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Chairman - Aye

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S JULY 23rd and AUGUST 6th REPORTS:

Executive Director Roy presented his bi-weekly reports to the Board and addressed questions regarding the following topics:

July 23rd Report:

- **Emergency/On-Call Construction Services**

Chairman Sheldon asked Director Roy to provide the procedure for calling in contractors that were awarded contracts under the recent bid. Mr. Roy stated that the protocol for call-in is based on bid ranking with M.J. DiModica & Sons being the lowest bidder and the primary contractor followed by the second and third lowest bidders.

August 6th Report:

- **Dutton Road Bridge Project**

Chairman Sheldon asked Director Roy his assessment of the contractor's (George Cairns & Sons) progress thus far on the project. Mr. Roy responded the Contractor has done a great job thus far despite the increased stream flow due to higher-than-average precipitation.

- **Preliminary Design for High Pressure Service Area**

Chairman Fox asked Director Roy to provide some detail for the proposed service area (booster station locations, hydraulic grade line valving). Mr. Roy stated that there were two proposed locations for the booster station that would be presented in the final report sometime next month.

- **PFAS Treatment Facility**

Commissioner Fox asked Director Roy to provide a brief explanation for acquiring State Revolving Fund (SRF) assistance. Mr. Roy stated that SRF is the funding that the District is requesting from MassDEP for the construction of the PFAS filtration system for the Raymond Road Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Roy also stated that the deadline for submitting the project evaluation form (PEF) to MassDEP is August 20, 2021. The next step is

the publication of the list of projects that are eligible for the formal SRF application. Mr. Roy stated that the approval process takes up to four months and that the District would need approval from MassDEP for the project before going out to bid as part of the SRF process. Commissioner Fox asked Mr. Roy if any of the work being done for a temporary PFAS treatment system could be utilized as part of the permanent system, and Mr. Roy stated it could be.

Chairman Fox moved to conclude the open meeting and to move into executive session under Exception 1 of the Open Meeting Law for the purpose to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel, or anything relative thereto, and to not return to the Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously by roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Chairman - Aye
Robert E. Boyd Jr. Commissioner – Aye
Joshua A. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

There being no further discussions the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM