

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
MARCH 31, 2023

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded, and asked for each Commissioner to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner – Present; Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner – Present; and Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner and Chairman - Present.

Others Present: Blake Martin, Engineering Consultant with Weston & Sampson; Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer; and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director.

Virtually Present: All individuals attended virtually.

1. VOTE TO AMEND THE 87TH ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT TO ADD ARTICLE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE EAST STREET WTP PFAS MITIGATION PROJECT

Director Roy provided a brief update on the project design and explanation for the need for additional funding. Blake Martin of Weston & Sampson provided further detail on Weston & Sampson’s revised cost estimate stating that the increased cost is due to modifications to increasing the building size for future expansion of additional filter vessels, conversion of the existing disinfection system from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite, adding post chemical treatment at the new building for sodium hypochlorite and fluoride, installation of a new natural gas onto the property, installation of a new fiber optic line for communications between Well 8 and the WTP, and replacement of pumps and motors for Wells 3, 8, and 10. Mr. Martin also stated that Weston & Sampson carefully considered the proposed new EPA regulations for PFAS chemicals in its design changes. Mr. Roy stated that the District would only be obligated for actual funds spent on the project.

Mr. Martin confirmed that the additional funding request included contingency. Chairman Fox asked if the District would be ineligible to receive future Federal grant funds as more funding becomes available for communities to construct similar facilities. Mr. Martin stated that the Federal funds for PFAS project are allocated to States via the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program at zero percent interest and that there is future consideration for loan forgiveness of a percentage of these funds. Chairman Fox also asked if the Raymond Road WTP PFAS filter design was designed for consideration of regulatory changes. Mr. Martin responded that the RRWTP is designed for flexibility for having the option to switch from all carbon filter media to utilizing one of the vessels with resin type media for polishing PFAS removal.

Commissioner Sheldon moved to amend the previously approved Annual Meeting Warrant to include Article 11 as written. That motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye
Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye
Joshua M. Fox, Chairman and Commissioner - Aye

Conclusion of Open Meeting:

The motion to conclude the meeting was made, duly seconded, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner - Aye

Robert E. Boyd, Jr. Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner and Chairman - Aye

The Open Meeting concluded at 2:55 p.m.