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Meeting Minutes - Approved WATER UTILITY BOARD

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

4:30 PM

Water Utility Conference Room A&B
119 E. Olin Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Madeline Gotkowitz called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 7 - Sheri Carter; Patrick E. Delmore; Madeline B. Gotkowitz; Jon C. Evans;
Doug Voegeli; Bruce Mayer and David Ahrens

Absent: 1 - Lauren Cnare

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Carter, to Approve the Minutes of the June 23 meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were none.

Items 5 and 6 were taken out of order by unanimous consent.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. [22206](#) Notification of any noncompliance with Water Utility Board Policies.

There was no noncompliance to report.

6. [24301](#) Items of general interest and update on any rate case in progress.

The General Manager provided the following updates:

The 2014 financial audit has been completed and the auditors plans to be present to the board at the August meeting.

Financial Manager Michael Krentz is no longer with the utility, and Customer Service Manager Robin Piper is currently the acting Financial Manager.

The utility's Annual Report to the Public Service Commission has been filed.

The Public Hearing before the Public Service Commission for the utility's rate increase application has been scheduled for September 2 at 10 am. A notice of the hearing will be included in every customer's bill.

The Alliance for Water Efficiency has selected Madison Water Utility for a study on water loss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [39402](#) Report on bid results and recommendation for the Paterson St. Operations Center rebuild.

Attachments: [Paterson St Rebuild- Bid Analysis Package to the Board.pdf](#)

Principal Engineer Al Larson addressed the board.

A motion was made by Delmore, seconded by Mayer, to approve the staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Lauren Cnare

Ayes: 4 - Patrick E. Delmore; Jon C. Evans; Bruce Mayer and David Ahrens

Abstentions: 1 - Sheri Carter

Non Voting: 1 - Madeline B. Gotkowitz and Doug Voegeli

2. [39398](#) Request to advertise for engineering design proposals for the Blackhawk Water Tower (Far West Elevated Reservoir)

Attachments: [Request to Advertise - Blackhawk Tower.pdf](#)

Design Engineer Peter Holmgren addressed the board.

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Mayer, to Approve the request to advertise for engineering design proposals. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. [39401](#) Report on bid results and recommendation for the Well 12 upgrade project

Attachments: [Well 12- Report on Bid Results and Recommendation.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Evans, to Approve staff's recommendation to reject all bids. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. [39403](#) Approving the Water Utility Board's 2016 meeting schedule.

Attachments: [2016 Water Board Meeting Dates.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Evans, to Approve. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (continued)

7. [28907](#) Report from the Committee on the Environment.

Patrick Delmore provided the update to the board. The Committee on the Environment has been focused on water conservation.

MONITORING REPORTS

8. [39406](#) Sustainability Report

Attachments: [O-2E Sustainability July 2015.pdf](#)

Water Supply Manager Joe DeMorett addressed the board.

A motion was made by Mayer, seconded by Carter, to Approve. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

9. [20013](#) Meeting Evaluation and Discussion

Jon Evans led the meeting evaluation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. [14501](#) Introduction of Future Agenda Items.

Attachments: [Decision Tree.pdf](#)

Madeline Gotkowitz proposed a future agenda include board education and review of the utility's long-term debt. The board could also hire an independent financial consultant for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Mayer, to Adjourn at 5:42 pm. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.