

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY – THURSDAY– MAY 26, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority was held at the Authority Board Room, Main Street Extension, Sayreville, New Jersey on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

Notices of the meeting were mailed to the three counties and the News Media - The Courier News, The Star Ledger and The Home News Tribune in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law and New Jersey Statutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Light at 4:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Ted Light; Vice Chairman John Wiley; Commissioners: Jerome Convery, Wayne Hamilton, Allan Jacobs, Joseph Juliano, Raymond Murray and James Zullo.

Absent were: Commissioners Linda Carter and Antonio Cruz.

Also present were: Executive Director, Richard L. Fitamant; John Hoffman, Esq., Construction/General Counsel; Dan Tanzi, Wastewater Division Manager and Karen Sissick, Comptroller.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2016 was made by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Light asked if anyone wished to address the Board on any of the current Resolutions and recognized Mr. Ernest Docs from Metuchen. Mr. Docs was curious where he could find the Resolutions with the amounts authorized for the purchase resolutions.

Mr. Fitamant informed him that this information is available on the MCUA's Website.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. A-5-16-1-R

Pretreatment Permit Action Nos. 02225, 24055, 05193, 19173 and 20201

Resolution No. WW-5-16-2-R

Contract Bid Award – Contract 16-4-1(CTP) Regenerative Thermal Oxidizers Media Replacement and Preventive Maintenance – Cothery Construction Co. – Not to Exceed \$812,600.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that this is a Contract Award related to the Duophase process air handling system

Resolution No. WW-5-16-3-R

Contract Bid Award – Contract 16-4-3(CTP)/Supply & Delivery of Catalog Purchased Electrical Supplies 2016-2018 – Cooper Electric Supply, Co., Monarch Electric and Samson Electrical Supply Co., Inc. – Not to Exceed \$500,000.00

Mr. Fitamant reported that this Contract Award is for Catalog Purchases with 10%-80% discounts, depending on item being purchased. Awards are recommended to the three catalog suppliers which submitted bids.

Resolution No. WW-5-16-4-R

Change Order No. 1 to Contract 13-1-1(CTP) – Primary Tank Rehabilitation – Phase II – Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc.

Mr. Fitamant reported this resolution is for a 90 day no cost time extension resulting from the inability to apply concrete coats in cold weather during the winter months.

Resolution No. WW-5-16-5-R

Change Order No. 1 to Contract 13-10-2(CTP) – Final Clarifier Equipment Rehabilitation – Phase II – Allied Construction Group, Inc.

Mr. Fitamant reported this resolution is a no cost modification to include concrete launder repairs as an item payable under contract allowances.

Resolution No. WW-5-16-6-R

Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 11-09-04 – Solar Power Purchase – Power Grid Capital – Not to Exceed \$126,051.20

Mr. Fitamant reported this resolution is for Change Order No. 1 for installation of five oil containment system at each electrical transformer installed for the project was not originally specified in the contract specification.

Resolution No. WW-5-16-7-R

Change Order No. 2 – Contract No. 11-09-04 – Solar Power Purchase – Power Grid Capital – Not to Exceed \$30,451.06

Mr. Fitamant reported this resolution is for Change Order No. 2 which provides a concrete encasement for the underground electrical duct bank for the solar power service through the Middlesex County Fire Academy property.

Resolution No. WW-5-16-8-R

Authorization to Execute Wastewater Purchase Orders Under New Jersey State Contract No. G-2004 – Not to Exceed \$30,000.00

Resolution No. A-5-16-9-R

Approval of 2015 Annual Audit – Wastewater Division

Resolution No. A-5-16-10-R

Approval of 2015 Annual Audit – Solid Waste Division

A Presentation regarding the WWD and SWD Audits was given by Darin Valentine, Wiss and Company, LLP, outlining the key points in the Audits for the 2015 calendar year.

Resolution No. SW-5-16-11-R

Contract Award Contract No. 16-4SW – Uniform Services at the Middlesex County Landfill – American Wear, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$8,801.56

Resolution No. SW-5-16-12-R

Authorization to Execute Solid Waste Purchase Orders Under New Jersey State Contract

Resolution No. SW-5-16-13-R

Authorization to Execute Tier One Agreements for Solid Waste Disposal Services with County Government and Municipalities

Resolution No. SW-5-16-14-R

Authorization to Execute Agreements for Tier One Solid Waste Disposal Services with Private Haulers and Generators

Public

Chairman Light recognized Mr. Charles Kratovil. Mr. Kratovil questioned how the MCUA works. What are the service areas for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Fitamant responded that the MCUA serves most of Middlesex County and a portion of Union County and Somerset County.

Mr. Kratovil than questioned how Board works

Commissioner Wiley responded that the Middlesex County Freeholders appoint the 9 members from Middlesex County, Union County appoints one members and Somerset County appoints one member.

Mr. Kratovil was curious if Commissioner Karabinchak submitted his resignation and will he be replaced.

Mr. Fitamant responded that he was not aware of the receipt of a formal resignation from Commissioner Karabinchak.

Chairman Light further reported that since Commissioner Karabinchak is from Edison, he may be replaced with someone from Edison, which is the decision of the Board of Freeholders.

Mr. Kratovil questioned what the MCUA does with its Biosolids.

Mr. Fitamant stated that the Biosolids are not used for agricultural purposes. The Biosolids are used for landfill cover and not land application.

Vice Chairman Wiley further stated that the MCUA did land apply some time ago, but the high lime content of the product was an issue. The MCUA invested in a drying system to reduce the amount of sludge that is generated and now all of the final product is used for Landfill cover.

Mr. Kratovil questioned if there are changes made to how the landfill is running due to the soil investigation.

Mr. Paul Clark reported that there is an ongoing investigation with SCI regarding soil distribution and a press conference was held regarding illegal dumping at a beach in Old Bridge. The SCI is investigating the haulers that were illegally dumping.

Mr. Kratovil questioned if there are any changes made to the MCUA's ticket system.

Mr. Fitamant responded stating the MCUA revisited the ticket system about 3-4 years ago and has a very tight ticket system with issuing tickets for waste and soil and feels the Authority has a good handle on material coming into the Landfill

Mr. Kratovil questioned if there has been any pricing change.

Mr. Fitamant reported that pricing varies and explained the different pricing to Mr. Kratovil, including the broker program and the Agreements with County Government and Municipalities and Private Haulers.

Mr. Kratovil questioned the investigation.

Mr. Fitamant reported that the MCUA provided the investigators with what they needed and just learned the details of the investigation yesterday, along with everyone else.

Mr. Kratovil questioned the plan to increase the height of the Landfill and the strategy for the plan.

Mr. Paul Clark responded stating that the permit has been sent to the NJDEP two weeks ago and has already been approved by SWAC and Freeholders. Mr. Clark further reported that the MCUA is always looking at ways to reduce waste and this should give us another 15 years of capacity.

Mr. Kratovil was looking for assurances that this expansion will not affect the quality of the Raritan River.

Commissioner Wiley responded stating that the leachate is captured and there are clay barriers and various on-site controls to capture catch run-off and leachate.

Chairman Light than recognized Mr. Ernest Docs. Mr. Docs was curious if there was going to be a hearing for the Landfill expansion.

Mr. Fitamant reported that the Hearing has already taken place and was conducted by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Murray reported that an Engineering Committee Meeting was held today. With regard to the Solid Waste Division, the landfill permit renewal, Wheel wash and Gas to energy projects were discussed. With regard to the Wastewater Division, 14 contracts were discussed including the Sayreville and Edison Pump Station Contracts for which FEMA Grant Funding has been awarded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Zullo to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and carried.

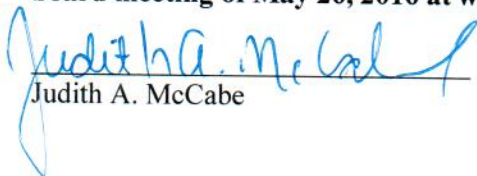
Upon completion of the Executive Session, Mr. Hoffman, Esq. reported that during Executive Session, discussions of Spectraserv Litigation and a potential Worker's Compensation claim took place. No action will be taken by the Commissioners on either of these matters today.

A copy of the Wastewater Division and Solid Waste Division Bill Lists were distributed to the Commissioners.

Chairman Light reported that the next board meeting will be held on May 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Light called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Wiley at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and accurate summary of that which transpired at the MCUA board meeting of May 26, 2016 at which I was present.


Judith A. McCabe