

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 – 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 Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

Notices of the meeting were mailed to the three counties and the News Media - The Courier News 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, Antonio Cruz, Robert Diehl, Allan Jacobs, Raymond Murray, Rebecca Williams and James Zullo.

Absent: Commissioner Joseph Juliano

Also present were: Executive Director Joseph Cryan, William Northgrave, Esq., Construction/General Counsel and Karen Sissick, Comptroller.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engineering Committee

Commissioner Murray reported on the progress of the Sayreville Pump Station FEMA Project stating that this project is scheduled for substantial completion in January 2021. Also discussed were several items on today's agenda, including change order No. 22, which is a substantial cost but would be much more if the Authority did not continue with the same firm and would cause major delays. Also, a brief discussion regarding advanced digestion took place. The cogeneration plant, which was operating at 41% is operating at full speed right now.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 27, 2020 was made by Commissioner Convery, seconded by Commissioner Murray and carried.

Abstain: Commissioner Williams

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Light asked if anyone from the Public wished to address the board and acknowledged Charles Kratovil. Mr. Kratovil questioned Resolution No. A-11-20-20-R.

Mr. Northgrave, Esq. explained that this resolution was necessary to provide sanitizing services at the MCUA. All expenditures are Covid-19 related.

RESOLUTIONS

The Executive Director gave a brief summary on each of the Resolutions listed below.

- a. **Resolution No. A-11-20-1-R – Authorizing the Approval of Pretreatment Permit Action Nos. 28074, 07223, 28171, 05056 and 05206**
- b. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-2-R – Contract No. 20-8-3(AC)(Rebid) Supply & Delivery of Sulfuric Acid 93% 2021-2022 – Veckridge Chemical Company Inc. – Not to Exceed \$63,954.00**
- c. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-3-R – Amendment No. 1 for Engineering Services Related to Water Quality and NJPDES Permitting Issues 2019-2020- Najarian Associates – No Additional Funding**
- d. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-4-R – Change Order No. 1 to Contract 19-5-4(SM) Maintenance of Sludge Processors – Cothery Construction Company, Inc. – (\$217,830.00)CREDIT**
- e. **Resolution No. SW/WW-11-20-5-R – Amendment No. 1 for Professional Technical IT Services to Provide a Cyber Security Strategic Plan 2020 – Accenture, LLP (3-month time extension)**
- f. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-6-R – Contract Extension for Contract No. 19-9-1(AC) – NJDEP Certified Lab Analysis 2020-2021 – ALS Environmental – Not to Exceed \$172,776.00**
- g. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-7-R – Change Order No. 1 to Contract 18-5-2(AC) (Rebid) / Removal and Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste 2019-2020 – Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. - 90 Day Time Extension**
- h. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-8-R – Final Quantities Change Order No. 5 to Contract 17-9-1(AC) / Standby Contract – Force Mains and Gravity Sewers – CRS Contractors, Inc. – Not to Exceed (\$1,241,375.90)CREDIT**
- i. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-9-R – Change Order No. 22 - Contract 14-1-4(SPS)(Rebid) – Flood Mitigation and Permanent Restoration of the Sayreville Pump Station - Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$662,303.51**
- j. **Resolution No. WW-11-20-10-R – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SHI International Corporation and Ratifying the Purchase of Certain Computer and Media Equipment Through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. 19-34 – Not to Exceed \$59,000.00**
- k. **Resolution No. SW/WW-11-20-11-R – Authorization to Increase the Authorized Funding of Solid Waste and Wastewater Division Purchase Orders Under New Jersey State Contract G-2004/Office Furniture – Increase by \$75,000.00**

- l. Resolution No. SW/WW-11-20-12-R – Contract Award - Vision Plan Insurance Coverage**
1/1/21-12/31/22 - Vision Benefits of America – Not to Exceed \$21,000.00
- m. Resolution No. SW/WW-11-20-13-R – Authorizing Contract Extension - Dental Health Benefits**
Insurance Services 1/1/21-12/31/21 (Year 2) Delta Dental of New Jersey – Not to Exceed \$325,000.00
- n. Resolution No. SW/WW-11-20-14-R – Authorizing Extension to Contract Term for Long Term**
Disability Benefits Insurance 2020-2022 (Year 2) Lincoln Financial Group – Not to Exceed \$61,000.00
- o. Resolution No. A-11-20-15-R – Authorization of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement Between**
the Middlesex County Joint Health Insurance Fund and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority and to Continue Participation in Said Fund through 2023
- p. Resolution No. WW-11-20-16-R – Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract Pursuant to**
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 to Automated Climate Controls for the Procurement of Services to Update the Building Management Control System – Not to Exceed \$44,000.00
- q. Resolution No. WW-11-20-17-R – Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality**
Management Plan Amendment Entitled Jernee Mill Business Center
- r. Resolution No. SW-11-20-18-R – Contract No. 20-1SW – Resolution Rejecting Bids and**
Authorization to Rebid - Periodic Installation and Repair of Temporary Geomembrane Cover at the Middlesex County Landfill
- s. Resolution No. SW-11-20-19-R – Authorization to Increase Quantities to Maximum Contract**
Amount - Contract No. 19-15SW – Furnish and Deliver Recycled Stone at the Middlesex County Landfill – Mazza Recycling Services, Ltd. - Not to Exceed \$48,500.00 (5,000 tons/\$9.70 per ton)
- t. Resolution No. A-11-20-20-R – Resolution Ratifying Exercise of Emergency Power by the**
Executive Director

The above resolutions were presented and moved for adoption by Vice Chairman Wiley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and the following members voted Aye:

Chairman Light; Vice Chairman Wiley; Commissioners: Cruz, Convery, Diehl, Jacobs, Murray, Williams and Zullo.

Nays: None

(See Appendix Nos. 1-20)

PUBLIC

Chairman Light asked if anyone from the Public wished to address the board and recognized Mr. Charles Kratovil. Mr. Kratovil questioned if action will be taken in Executive Session, which Mr. Northgrave responded that no action will be taken.

Mr. Kratovil questioned the date that the Schweitzer facility would be closing and the impacts on the MCUA. Mr. Cryan responded stating that the 2021 budget which has already been introduced, anticipates the Schweitzer facility closing in 2020 with no revenue accounted for in 2021 budget for that facility.

Mr. Kratovil's next comment pertained to the New Brunswick Waste Transfer Station that is affecting the landfill wastestream by 20%. Mr. Cryan explained that even though we are seeing diminished numbers at the landfill, covid-19 may also be a contributing factor.

Mr. Kratovil's last comment pertained to a follow up on meetings being recorded. Mr. Cryan stated that discussions were being held regarding this.

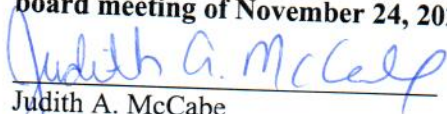
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Wiley to enter Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Mr. Northgrave, Esq. reported that during Executive Session, an update was provided on various contractual matters and no action would need to be taken at today's meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and accurate summary of that which transpired at the MCUA board meeting of November 24, 2020 at which I was present.


Judith A. McCabe