

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
June 24, 2021
Oakdale, New York

Present: Patrick Halpin, Chairman
Jane Devine, Secretary
Tim Bishop, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was also attended by Counsel T. Hopkins and by Counsel J. Milazzo and by Messrs. Bova, Brady, Brand, Cecchetto, Durk, Finello, Fuller, Huber, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Litka, McDowell, Motz, O'Connell, Pokorny, Reinfrank, Riegger, Roccaro, Schneider, Wahl, Wallach, Warner and by Mmes. Berkoski, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Meyer, Palillo, Simson, Spaulding, Tinsley, Trombino, Vassallo.

B. Yatauro, President of Local 393 and members of the public were also in attendance.

Booklets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Member, Executive Staff and Counsel to the Authority.

At 3:06 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

The public was advised by Steve Galante, Director of I.T., that they may speak during the public comment portion of the meeting by raising their hand in Zoom or dialing “*9” on the telephone.

Mr. Szabo introduced Mr. Mike O'Connell, Director of Production Control to begin his presentation on 2021 System Improvements and Pumpage to Date. Mr. O'Connell began his presentation by addressing the production summary of 2020. This included reviewing annual production by month and addressing peak demands. Mr. O'Connell reviewed the areas of concern for 2020, and the work completed to mitigate these concerns. Mr. O'Connell then addressed the areas of concern for 2021, and Mr. O'Connell and the Members of the Board discussed conservation efforts.

Mr. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was received.

Mr. Halpin presented the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021, for approval. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop with one abstention by Ms. Mercado, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2021, were approved.

Mr. Szabo reviewed and recommended the rescinding of Contract 7749 which was awarded in April 2021. On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(131-06-2021) RESOLVED, To rescind the award for Contract 7749 for the furnishing and delivery of hydrogen peroxide at Bushwick Avenue and Commercial Boulevard sites from Triathlon Industries Inc. dba Tridon Chemical in the amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$7,950) as the contractor is unable to procure the required insurance, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, To award the contract to George S.Coyne Chemical Co. Inc of Paterson, New Jersey in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 50/100 Dollars (\$9,556.50); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo then referred to contracts scheduled to expire shortly, and he recommended that the Authority exercise its option to extend these contracts in accordance with the letters of recommendation. These items were considered on consent and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(132-06-2021) RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning September 1, 2021, Contract 7533 for the furnishing and delivery of chemical metering pumps and parts (Jesco) with Eagle Control Corp., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning September 1, 2021, Contract 7630 for the electrical work at various Authority office buildings with New York Trenchless Inc., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning August 1, 2021, Contract 7703 for the furnishing and delivery of thermoplastic and concrete meter vault tiles with Alessio Pipe & Construction Co., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed Contracts 7761, 7763, 7765, 7766, 7767, 7768, 7770, and 7771. Mr. Szabo recommended that these contracts be awarded/rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(133-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7761 for the supply, install and removal of resin media at existing filtration systems located at South Spur Drive, Laurel Hill Road and Brecknock Rd. submitted by Carbon Activated Corp. of Compton, California on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$292,450), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(134-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received for items 3, 5-8, and 10-14 under Contract 7763 for the furnishing and delivery of pH measuring equipment and pressure transmitters submitted by Siemens Industry Inc. of Hauppauge, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen and 30/100 Dollars (\$19,317.30), be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received for items 1-2 under Contract 7763 for the furnishing and delivery of pH measuring equipment and pressure transmitters submitted by Pollardwater of New Hyde Park, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$21,540.00), be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That items 4,9 under Contract 7763 for the furnishing and delivery of pH measuring equipment and pressure transmitters will not be awarded; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(135-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7765 for the construction of a 24"x14" diameter well (No. 1) at the Sills Road Well Field in Yaphank in the Town of Brookhaven submitted by Layne Chistensen of Holbrook, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Five Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$557,800), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(136-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received for Group 1 under Contract 7766 for the non-destructive vacuum excavating construction hole services submitted by Badger Daylighting Corp. of Elizabeth, New Jersey on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$39,270), be and hereby is

accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received for Group II under Contract 7766 for the non-destructive vacuum excavating construction hole services submitted by AARCO Environmental Service Corp. of Lindenhurst, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Forty Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$40,050), be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(137-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7767 for the furnishing and delivery of valve boxes during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2021 submitted by General Foundries, Inc of North Brunswick, New Jersey on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$180,875), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(138-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7768 for the replacement of asbestos roof shingles with architectural shingles at the Meeting House Road Well Field in Quogue, Town of Southampton submitted by More Consulting Corp. of Yaphank, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Sixty- One Thousand Thirty- Five Dollars (\$61,035), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(139-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7770 for the removal of an existing pre-engineered metal filter building, as well as the furnishing and installation of a new pre-engineered metal filter building with concrete foundation at the Douglas Avenue Well Field and Pump Station in Huntington submitted by Patalan 650 Mechanical Corp. of Copiague, New York on a unit-price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total amount of Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$547,795), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

- (140-06-2021) RESOLVED, To reject the only bid received under Contract 7771 for the furnishing and delivery of thermoplastic and concrete meter vault submitted by Ferguson Enterprises Inc. of Newport News Virginia. This contract will re-bid.

Mr. Szabo then referred to special service agreements. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

- (141-06-2021) RESOLVED, To terminate the agreement under RFP 1538 with WJOB Consulting Services, LLC of Glassboro, New Jersey to provide document scanning services for conversion of the Authority's water main construction records, effective immediately.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

- (142-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement under RFP 1571 submitted by WRS Environmental Services of Yaphank, New York to provide the environmental direct push drilling (Geoprobe) at various sites throughout Suffolk County during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2021; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

- (143-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement under RFP 1572 submitted by HealthSource Medical Services of Islandia, New York to provide the pre-employment physical examinations during the two-year period beginning July 1, 2021; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

- (144-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement with CAI Technologies of Littleton, New Hampshire for GIS support services during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2021 in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

- (145-06-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the upgrade of software and licenses from *InfoWater* to *InfoWater Pro* during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2021 in the amount of Forty-Five Thousand Forty-Three and 14/100 Dollars (\$45,043.14); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed several requests relating to equipment. Upon further

explanation by various members of the executive staff, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

- (146-06-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of GeoDecisions Notify software through a Federal GSA (Contract Number GS-35F-0276U) during the one-year period effective upon Board approval at a one-time total cost of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and a fee of Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000) annually thereafter.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

- (147-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement and authorize the purchase of SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central module, Employee Central Time module and Employee Central Benefits Module in order to provide a more user-friendly employee database during the five-year period beginning July 1, 2021 in the total amount of Six Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight and 33/100 Dollars (\$602,578.33); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

- (148-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement with EPI-USE to implement SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central module, Employee Central Time module and Employee Central Benefits Module under Federal GSA (Contract Number GS-35F-0119Y) under Carahsoft Technology Corporation during the five-year period beginning July 1, 2021 in the total amount of Nine Hundred Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$916,740.00); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

- (149-06-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of Two Hundred (200) thermoplastic meter vaults from Bingham and Taylor of Culpeper, Virginia, as an interim measure until a new contract is bid, in the total amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Dollars (\$23,008).

Mr. Szabo then referenced a finance matter regarding the Village of Bellport. Upon further explanation of details by Ms. Vassallo, Chief Financial Officer, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

- (150-06-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into a settlement and release agreement to terminate the water main installation contract with the Village of Bellport and allow the early-payoff of the outstanding balance due to the Authority in the amount of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 13/100 Dollars (\$3,894.13); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo referred to several meeting and conference requests. Upon further explanation of details by Ms. Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration, and on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(151-06-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the expenditure of approximately Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to hold a service awards luncheon in November, honoring Thirty-Two (32) employees attaining 20, 25, 30, 35 years of service to the Authority.

Upon further explanation of details by Ms. Tinsley, Deputy CEO for Customer Service and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(152-06-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Janice Tinsley, Deputy CEO for Customer Service, and Rich Reinfrank, Director of Customer Service at the Customer Service Week Executive Summit in Tampa, Florida from August 16th to August 17th, at an approximate cost of Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$5,632), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Gina Spaulding, Call Center Manager at the Customer Service Week Executive Summit in Tampa, Florida from August 17 to August 18th, at an approximate cost of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$2,812).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(153-06-2021) RESOLVED, To Authorize the attendance of Janice Tinsley, Deputy CEO for Customer Service at the Water Customer Care Forum in Phoenix, Arizona from September 14th to September 18th, at an approximate cost of One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$1,195).

Mr. Szabo then referenced personnel matters. Upon further explanation of details by Ms. Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration and on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(154-06-2021) RESOLVED, To amend resolution 097-04-2021 for short-term disability policy with Sun Life Financial of New York, NY to reflect the extension of annual cost to be Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$13,560).

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved

(155-06-2021) WHEREAS, the nineteenth day of June, known as Juneteenth, is a day that commemorates the end to enslaved labor and celebrates Black and African American freedom and achievements, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been designated as an official public holiday by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been designated "Juneteenth National Independence Day" as a legal public holiday by the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Authority embraces the ideals of Juneteenth and encourages continuous self-development and self-reflection and respect for all cultures and races, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the nineteenth day of June shall be a paid holiday for all

Authority employees, known as Juneteenth, effective June 19, 2022 and every year thereafter, and

RESOLVED, That the Authority shall recognize Juneteenth in 2021 by providing each employee on the Authority's payroll as of July 6, 2021 with an extra personal day, and the Authority encourages employees to utilize the day to serve as a community volunteer or to participate in a community improvement activity.

Mr. Szabo reviewed the original invoices to be paid from the Operating Fund, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(156-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

BNY Mellon	83,000.00
Dvirka & Bartilucci	21,958.00
LaSalle LaSalle & Dwyer, P.C.	13,052.97
O'Connor, O'Connor, Hintz & Deveney LLP	600.00
Sobel Pevzner LLC	11,489.00

SEQRA REVIEW

Where applicable, the foregoing resolutions, unless otherwise noted, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment within the meaning of Section 8-0109 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, July 29, 2021, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Halpin stated that the email inbox was checked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

At 4:45 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(157-06-2021) RESOLVED, That the Members go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel matters, and labor negotiations.

The meeting was again called to order at 5:19 p.m.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(158-06-2021) RESOLVED, To promote Brendan Warner from Deputy Director of Construction Maintenance to Director of Construction Maintenance at an annual salary of \$157,000, effective immediately.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(159-06-2021) RESOLVED, To Promote Judy Jakobsen from Interim Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Joint Policy and Planning Commission to Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Joint Policy and Planning Commission at an annual salary of \$130,000, effective immediately.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(160-06-2021) RESOLVED, To Promote Linda Santisi from LIMS Administrator to LIMS Manager in the Laboratory at an annual salary of \$107,000, effective immediately.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(161-06-2021) RESOLVED, To employ Dilara Yildiz, of West Babylon, New York as Assistant Electrical Engineer in the Engineering Department at an annual salary of \$75,000.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved :

(162-06-2021) WHEREAS, the Town of Shelter Island has requested SCWA to operate on a temporary basis the Town's West Neck public water system,

WHEREAS, SCWA is willing to operate the system, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the CEO is authorized to enter into a temporary agreement to operate the Town of Shelter Island's West Neck public water system on the terms and conditions approved by Counsel.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Jane Devine, Secretary