

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
May 23, 2022
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, J. Milazzo and by Messrs., Brady, Cecchetto, Dubois, Durk, Finello, Galante, Given, Huber, Jones, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Litka, Marafino, Motz, O'Connell, Pokorny, Rae, Reinfrank, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, Swain, Wallach, Warner and by Mmes. Berberich, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Stewart, Taylor, Tinsley, and Vassallo.

B. Yatauro, President of Local 393 was also in attendance.

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

At 3:32 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

The public was advised by Patrick Brady, I.T. Manager, 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. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. No one wished to address the board at this time.

At 3:33 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(150-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the Members go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing several personnel matters.

The meeting was again called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Halpin then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2022, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 28, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Halpin then presented the minutes of the special meeting called on May 11, 2022, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Szabo 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 Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(151-05-2022) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022, Contract 7677 for installation by directional drill technology water mains and services with Bancker Construction Corp., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period April 1, 2022 through December 15, 2022, Contract 7747 for landscape and lawn maintenance with Del Graz Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a R&R Landscaping for office locations at Coram, East Hampton, Oakdale and Great River and pump stations in East Hampton-Group H, and with DBG Landing, Inc. for office locations in Brentwood, Hauppauge, Huntington, Bay Shore, 21 McKinney Avenue and pump stations in Babylon-Group A, Bay Shore-Group B, Patchogue-Group C, Huntington-Group D, Smithtown-Group # and Port Jefferson -Group F, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, Contract 7755 for the installation of new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs) with Asplundh Construction Corp., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, Contract 7785 for snow removal services with CJL Landscape & Design for the Coram office and with DGB Landscaping, Inc. for the Huntington office, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed Contracts 7842, 7843, 7844, 7845, 7846 and 7848. 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 Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(152-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the only bid received under Contract 7842 for installation by directional drill technology water mains and services during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022 submitted by Bancker Construction Corp. of Islip, 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 One Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$1,428,602) 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

(153-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the only bid received for Groups A, B, C stations and Group F (on road use/emergency) stations under Contract 7843 for the furnishing and delivery of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel to various pump stations and office buildings during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022, submitted by Romeo Enterprises Inc. 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 Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$316,450) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no award is recommended for Groups D and E under Contract 7843; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(154-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7844 for the installation of three (3) advanced oxidation process (AOP) treatment systems at the Falcon Drive well field in Hauppauge, submitted by R.J. Industries, Inc. of Plainview, New York, on a lump-sum basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal, in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$637,700) 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

(155-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the only bid received under Contract 7845 for the furnishing and delivery of hydrogen peroxide to the Commercial Boulevard pump station, during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022, 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 Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$11,935) 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

(156-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7846 for the furnishing, and delivery of compressed gas cylinders during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, submitted by Airweld Inc. of Patchogue, 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 Eight-six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$86,655) 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

(157-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7848 for the supply of twelve (12) 12"-diameter GAC adsorption systems at various pump stations during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, submitted by Calgon Carbon Corporation of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, on a lump-sum basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal in the total amount of Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$4,762,848), 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.

Mr. Szabo then referred to an application to the Department of Environmental Conservation for a replacement well. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

(158-05-2022) RESOLVED, To construct Well No. 1A at the Adams Avenue well field, 2.6-acre site, located on the east side of Adams Avenue, south of Nicoll's Road, Wyandanch, Town of Babylon; to equip the well with one (1) electrically-driven, deep well turbine pump, motor, piping, electrical controls and miscellaneous appurtenances; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That application be made to the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York and that said application may be executed by any Member of the Authority, its Chief Executive Officer, or its Chief Engineer.

The Members reviewed requests regarding equipment. After further explanation of details by Joseph Pokorny, Deputy CEO for Operations, and on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(159-05-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the additional amount of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200) for the rental of the mini-AOP system with Trojan Technologies, for a total cost not to exceed Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$12,200).

After explanation by Donna Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(160-05-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the sale of Unit 0051, a 2014 Cat 430F backhoe as surplus equipment.

Mr. Szabo reviewed the original invoices to be paid from the Operating Fund, with a clarification that the invoices to be paid for Sobel Pevzner, LLC be approved in accordance with the detail of the invoices; and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(161-05-2022) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

<u>Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC</u>	\$ 3,903.29
<u>Dvirka & Bartilucci</u>	52,763.25

Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C.
Sobel Pevzner, LLC

1,620.00
 16,088.50

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.

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

(162-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Ryan Anderson of Shoreham, in the position of Jr. Engineering Technician at a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000), to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(163-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ the following interns for summer employment in accordance with the schedule below indicating name, city of residence, department, year in college and hourly rate, all with no benefits:

First Name	Last Name	City	Department	Year	Hourly Rate
Riley	Peterson	Mattituck	General Services	Senior	\$18.00
Christopher	Andrade	Bohemia	Production Control/ Eng	Junior	\$18.00
Kevin	Allen	Medford	Information Technology	Senior	\$18.00

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

(164-05-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Joseph Montiglio, Distribution System Technician to the position of Assistant Supervisor at an annual salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000), effective immediately.

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

(165-05-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Daniel Penza, P.E. Distribution Engineer to the position of Senior Distribution Engineer at an annual salary of One Hundred Seven Thousand Dollars (\$107,000), effective immediately.

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

(166-05-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Janice Tinsley, Deputy CEO for Customer Service to assume the additional duties of the position of Chief Diversity & Equity Officer at an annual salary of Two Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000), effective immediately.

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

carried, it was

(167-05-2022) RESOLVED, To extend the seasonal employment of Ron Bagan and Patrick Bouman in the positions of Fire Management Specialists through September 30, 2022, due to the extension of the prescribed burn season and field work in preparation for the fall at an hourly rate of Nineteen and 50/100 per hour with no benefits.

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

(168-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Jonathan Zavala of Central Islip, in the position of CM Supervisor, at an annual salary of Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(169-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Joseph Gimeli of Dix Hills, in the position of Field Operator/Control Center Operator in Production Control, Bay Shore, at an annual salary of Eighty-five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-nine and 60/100 Dollars (\$85,529.60), hourly rate of Forty-one and 12/100 Dollars (\$41.12), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, background check and required license for position.

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

(170-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Vincent Senzamici of West Babylon, in the position of Utility Person in Construction-Maintenance Department, Oakdale at an annual salary of Seventy Thousand Twelve and 80/100 Dollars (\$70,012.80), hourly rate of Thirty-three and 66/100 Dollars (\$33.66) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical, background check and required permit/license for position.

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

(171-05-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Amber Gallino of Rocky Point, in the position of Clerk in the Call Center, Coram at an annual salary of Fifty-three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$53,664), hourly rate of Twenty-seven and 52/100 Dollars (\$27.52), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, June 23, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

At this time, Mr. Halpin stated that the email inbox was checked for public comment and there were no comments. No one from the public wished to speak to the Members at this time.

As Jane Devine's term as a member expires at the end of the month, Chairman Halpin took some time to express the board members' gratitude for the leadership role that she provided

during her fifteen year tenure as a Board Member and as Secretary to the Board. He spoke of her passion for transparency, the 10 reforms initiated at the beginning of her term, and her continued focus to be certain that SCWA ratepayers were carefully considered. Jeff Szabo added that the Suffolk County Water Authority is one of the best water providers due to her efforts and that we are better today because of her initiatives. Everyone thanked Ms. Devine and congratulated her on her retirement from the board.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary