

Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority
November 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
John M. Porchia III, Member
John Rose, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels A. Bass, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Blevins, Bova, Brady, Cantore, Coppola, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Lehning, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Niebling, O'Connell, Pell, Pokorny, Rae, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Hannan, Kucera, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, and Stewart.

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present. He addressed the letter that SCWA sent to former Congressman Lee Zeldin; in part, the SCWA congratulates former Congressman Lee Zeldin on his appointment as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and commends his past efforts in securing funding for clean water access on Long Island. The Authority offers to meet and collaborate on addressing drinking water challenges, particularly those related to emerging contaminants, and express support for his leadership in safeguarding public water supplies. Mr. Szabo also addressed another letter sent to Legislator Lennon; this letter announces SCWA receiving a \$21.5 million grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for critical water infrastructure projects, including PFAS and 1,4- dioxane treatment systems. This funding will help maintain affordable water rates and benefit resident in Legislator Lennon's district, specifically in Coram and Mount Siani. He also updated the Board Members on the Strategic Plan for 2025.

Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman thanked SCWA for their dedication during the fireline break at Ward Melville Heritage Organization as he received a letter of thanks.

Mr. Szabo asked if there was anyone present or participating virtually who wished to provide public comment. No one wished to speak to the board at this time.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 17, 2024, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(399-11-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 17, 2024,

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extension. After brief explanation on a few items and contract leveling for the future; on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(400-11-2024) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, Contract 7929A to furnish and deliver gate valves & butterfly valves (line items, 1,2,3,4,5 and 9) with T. Mina Supply Inc., Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, Contract 7937 for maintenance of roofs and gutter systems at various SCWA sites with Statewide Roofing, Inc, Ronkonkoma, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, Contract 7956 for maintenance and installation of overhead garage- type doors roll-up doors with Superior Overhead Door Inc., Selden, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, Contract 8020B for SCADA antenna maintenance at various SCWA locations with NW Management Inc., Freeport, NY.

RESVOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025- March 31, 2026, Contract 8014A to furnish and deliver cement lined ductile iron pipe (push-on and flanged), Group I with Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026, Contract 8016A for installation by direction drill technology-water mains and services (Items 1A-5J, 10-12) with Bancker Construction Corp., Islandia, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026, Contract 8022 to furnish and deliver dewatering pumps associated parts with Barish Pump Company, Farmingdale, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026, Contract 8023, environmental services for SCWA owned properties with AARCO Environmental Services Group, Lindenhurst, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026, Contract 8029B to furnish and deliver ductile iron pressure fittings-groups (III, IV, IX, XI, XII, XV, XVII) with Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025- April 30, 2026, Contract 8029C to furnish and deliver ductile iron pressure fittings-group VIII with Core & Main LP, Bronx, NY.

The CEO then referred to several contracts and recommended that they be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(401-11-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Projects I, II and III under Contract 8051 for a Water System Expansion including general construction of new water mains and appurtenances by directional boring technology and installation of new water service taps and meter assemblies, in Manorville and Calverton, NY submitted by Asplundh Construction, LLC, Yaphank, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Four Million Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five 60/100 Dollars (\$4,298,725.60) 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(402-11-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8074 for construction of a 20" X 10"-Diameter Well (No.3A) approximately 600 feet deep, to be located at Lawrence Road Well Field, Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, NY, submitted by Steffen Drilling, Mullica Hill, NJ 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 cost of Seven Hundred Nineteen Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$719,100) 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 Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(403-11-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bidder for Group I under Contract 8075 for general construction of water mains, large services and appurtenances, during the one-year period beginning February 1, 2025 submitted by Roadwork Construction Corp., Calverton, NY, 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 cost of Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$14,912,283), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid for Group II under Contract 8075 submitted by Bancker Construction Corp., Islip, NY, on the same basis and totaling Twenty-Two Million Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Eight 60/100 Dollars (\$22,228,728.60) be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/ or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

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

(404-11-2024) RESOLVED, To confirm the award by Chief Executive Officer of Groups I and II under Contract 8076 for the installation of new private water service lines and service taps in Brookhaven, to Asplundh Construction, LLC, Yaphank, NY, 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 cost of Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars for Group I and Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Dollars for Group II; 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(405-11-2024) FURTHER RESOLVED, To confirm the action of the Chief Executive Officer to rescind the award of Contract 8039 for construction of well head enclosure buildings with precast concrete walls and wood frame roofs on existing, during the period of December 1, 2024- November 30, 2025 to D.F. Eastwood Construction Corp, d/b/a All Island Fence & Railing, Islandia, NY and to award to LoDuca Associates Inc., Blue Point, NY, at a total cost of One Million One Hundred Forty-Two, and Thirty Dollars (\$1,142,030); and that any Member and/ or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed several requests for equipment. After explanation of each, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried it was

(406-11-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote and authorize the approval to purchase forty-five

(45) Little Giant utility ladders and extensions, from Fastenal, Bellport, NY in the total amount of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine and 85/100 Dollars (\$16,169.85).

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

(407-11-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote and authorize approval to purchase various sized Patriot blades, for the use by the Construction Maintenance Department, from Patriot Diamond Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL in the total amount of Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$26,700).

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

(408-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize CEO to award RFQ for the purchase of a new salt spreader to be utilized with a rental dump truck and/ or other SCWA dump trucks, for the winter once quotes are received and analyzed.

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

(409-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the approval for installation, termination, and testing of data cables at Coram Building 1 by NCD Communications Inc., Islandia, NY, in the total amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Three and 35/100 Dollars (\$33,303.35).

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

(410-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize entering into a five (5) year agreement for Time Management SaaS Solution Hardware Maintenance Services, from Time Clock Plus, LLC, Aurora, OH, in the total annual amount of Thirty Seven Three Hundred Forty- Four and 91/100 Dollars (\$37,344.91).

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

(411-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the Laboratory to purchase a Teledyne Instrument Lumin Purge and Trap Sample Concentration and the Aquatek LVA Liquid Autosampler, from Teledyne Instruments, Inc, Mason, OH, in the total amount of Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$41,832).

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

(412-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the Laboratory to purchase a Thermo Electro Auto Extractor, from Thermo Electron North American, Madison, WI, in the total amount of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven and 36/100 Dollars (\$51,267.36).

The Members reviewed the one personnel request. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(413-11-2024) RESOLVED, To delegate Jessica Mattera, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board as the Authority's Record Management Officer.

The CEO then referenced several special service agreements for approval. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(414-11-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize approval for a one (1) year agreement beginning December 1, 2024 for post "go live" support for Success Factors, with Application Management Services (AMS) EPI-USE America Inc., in the total monthly amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$8,750); 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 Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(415-11-2024) RESOLVED, To award RFP 1639-Insurance Agent-Broker Services-Employee Benefits and Human Resources related insurance to Brown and Brown, Garden City Inc., NY, in the estimated total annual amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000); 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 Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(416-11-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Greenhaus Safe Driving of Bellport, NY to conduct the Point Insurance Reduction Program (PIRP) driver’s education program for Authority employees, in the total estimated amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000); 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 Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(417-11-2024) RESOLVED, To approve entering into an agreement for analytical testing services, during the one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2025, with Pace Analytical Laboratory Inc., Melville, NY; in the total amount to not exceed Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred- Ten Dollars (\$36,410); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment, Mr. Bishop raised a question regarding work performed by Dvirka & Bartilucci. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(418-11-2024) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King	\$6,215.00
Corrtech Inc	\$28,967.25
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$58,324.50
H2M Architects + Engineers	\$9,925.00

Mr. Cecchetto gave the Board Members a broad financial summary. The next meeting of the board members was confirmed for December 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Oakdale. Mr. Szabo asked if there was any public comment or new business to be discussed at this time. There was none.

(419-11-2024) At 3:20 pm, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, the Members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(420-11-2024) RESOLVED, To request the board authorize the CEO to execute all documents required to award this Contract for Chiller Litigation Services to the selected vendor; to be ratified at the December 2024 meeting.

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

(421-11-2024) RESOLVED, To terminate the employment of Robert Lehning III in the position as Fleet Manager for the Fleet/ Transportation Department.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(422-11-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Collin Gordon of Shoreham, NY to fill the open position of Pipeline Inspector in the Construction Maintenance Department, at an annual salary of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, it was

(423-11-2024) RESOLVED, To terminate the employment of Idalia Borzone in the position of Chemist I, in the Laboratory Department.

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

(424-11-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Michael Zambardino of Bellport, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person in Oakdale, with an hourly rate of Thirty-Six 43/100 Dollars (\$36.43); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary