

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

October 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Oakdale, New York

Present: Patrick Halpin, Chairman
Jane Devine, Secretary
Mario R. Mattera, Member
Tim Bishop, Member

Available

Telephonically: Elizabeth Mercado, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was also attended by Counsel T. Hopkins and J. Milazzo; and by Messrs. Bova, Cecchetto, Durk, Fuller, Pokorny, Torres, and by Mmes. Buccos, Mancuso, Trupia and Vassallo

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

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Halpin called the meeting to order.

Mr. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. No one wished to address the Board at this time.

The Members then referred to a request regarding grant funding. It should be noted that Mr. Bishop asked Counsel Hopkins if he needed to recues himself from voting even though the Authority is not seeking EFC support, wherein Mr. Hopkins stated that he did not need to recues himself. Also, it should be noted that although Ms. Mercado's vote does not count, she is in agreement with Resolution. After further

explanation of details, and on motion made by Mr. Mattera, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, the following Resolution was unanimously carried:

(303-10-2019) Whereas, SCWA is a self-supporting, public benefit corporation operating under the authority of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, and

Whereas, SCWA's system contains more than 580 wells at 235 pump stations, approximately 6,000 miles of main, and is the largest system in the nation relying solely on groundwater as its water source, and

Whereas, SCWA has detected the chemical 1,4 dioxane in water produced by some of its wells, and

Whereas, SCWA will install a specialized treatment technology system, known as an Advanced Oxidation Treatment system, at the wellfields identified on Schedule A to reduce the amount of 1,4 dioxane in the water it distributes to its customers, and

Whereas, the estimated capital cost of each system is \$1.5 Million and each system is designed to treat the water produced by a single well and if a wellfield contains multiple wells each requiring treatment more than one system will be installed at the wellfield, and

Whereas, the capital cost includes SCWA expense to design each system, acquire the components of each system and the cost to construct each system, and

Whereas, SCWA has identified several methods for paying the systems' capital cost, including, a pay as it goes funding option, which will utilize existing funds within SCWA's Capital Budget, an option involving using bond proceeds, which option is subject to review by SCWA's Bond Counsel, or an option of implementing a water treatment surcharge to be placed on each SCWA account to generate the necessary capital funds, and

Whereas, the New York Clean Water Infrastructure Act invests \$3 Billion in clean and drinking water infrastructure projects and water quality protection across New York and provides at least \$1 Billion for the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017 (WIIA) which authorizes the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to provide grants to assist municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure, and

Whereas, on September 13, 2019, SCWA submitted 12 applications to the EFC for WIIA grant funding to pay for, in part, the capital costs of the treatment systems proposed at the 12 wellfields identified on the attached Schedule, seeking \$25.5 Million to treat water produced by 17 wells at the wellfields, and

Whereas, EFC requires that grant applicants provide a resolution identifying a plan to pay the portion of the treatment systems' capital cost not funded through an EFC grant,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, SCWA remains committed to designing and constructing Advanced Oxidation Process treatment systems identified on the attached Schedule and funding their design and construction.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Mattera, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Jane Devine, Secretary