

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority
September 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale
and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary (virtual)
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
John M. Porchia, Member
Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels T. Hopkins, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Messrs. Bova, Brady, Cecchetto, Dubois, Finello, Fuller, Huber, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Lehning, Litka, Niebling, O'Connell, Schneider, Seever, Turcios, Wahl and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Bonilla, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding and Tinsley.

Ray Festa and Alan Foley of DC 9 and Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 were also present.

Chairman Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He noted that all members were present with Mr. Bishop participating virtually via Zoom. He noted several highlights of the past month including the AOP systems in Northport, the groundbreaking of the Manorville main installation, and our recent customer service survey showing that 73% of our customers are very satisfied with the service SCWA provides. The Chairman thanked the 600 hardworking employees who provide excellent customer service to 1.2 million residents of Suffolk County.

Mr. Szabo asked if there were anyone present or virtual who wished to provide public comment. Mr. Ray Festa and Mr. Alan Foley of DC 9 spoke about their apprenticeship program for painters with regard to the awarding of the contract for maintenance of tanks and

vessels. They provided to the legal department a report from the Department of Labor listing active sponsors and noting ABC's status. Mr. Szabo thanked them for the information.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed the montly reports submitted for the board's review.

(393-09-2023) Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 24, 2023, and on motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop. with Ms. Mercado and Ms. Gordon abstaining, the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 31, 2023 were approved.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extensions. Items 2a through 2k were approved on consent with ne resolution on motion by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried.

(394-09-2023) RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7792A for the supply and maintenance of pumps, miscellaneous equipment (Zone A-West) with A.C. Schultes Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a six-month period beginning February 1, 2024, Contract 7864 to furnish and deliver thermoplastic, fiberglass reinforced concrete polymer and concrete meter vaults with Alessio Pipe & Construction Co.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024, Contract 7901B to furnish and deliver "no lead" brass/bronze fittings for underground service lines (Groups I, IV-VII, IX and X) with T. Mina Supply.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024, Contract 7908 for miscellaneous concrete construction work with Christy Concrete Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning February 1, 2024, Contract 7909B for general construction of water mains, large services and appurtenances (Group II) with Bancker Construction Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7910A for replacement of asphalt and bituminous shoulders on state, county, town highways (Group I) with LLL Industries, Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7910B for replacement of asphalt and bituminous shoulders on state, county, town highways (Group II) with Rosemar Contracting Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7911C for replacement of concrete and bituminous patches, concrete curbs and concrete sidewalk restorations on state, county, town highways (Group III) with Aventura Construction Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7923 to furnish and deliver liquid blended phosphates with Shannon Chemical Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7927A for electric motor repair (Zone A) with D&D Electric Motors and Compressors Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning March 1, 2024, Contract 7928A to furnish and deliver electrical conduit, fittings and associated electrical items (Group II, Group III (I, J, K, L, M, N, O), Group IV (G, H, Ka, Kb, Kc) with Conserve Lighting.

Mr. Szabo then referred to Contracts 7989 and 7991 through 7996, he recommended that they be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation.

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

(395-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7989 for construction of a 20"x10" diameter Well (No. 2A) approximately 825 feet deep at the Church Street well field in Bohemia, submitted by Layne Christensen Co. of Los Angeles, CA, 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 Nine Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$926,210), 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

(396-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7991 to furnish and deliver pre-cast concrete vaults set-in-place during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2024, submitted by Roman Stone Construction Co. of Bay Shore, 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 Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars (\$76,237), 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. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(397-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7992 to furnish and install one ZT15-150 oil-free rotary tooth compressor at the Laboratory in Hauppauge, submitted by John Iacono Inc. of Bohemia, 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 Fifty-four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$54,525), 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

(398-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7993 to supply resin and related services during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2023, submitted by Carbon Activated Corp. of Blasdell, 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 Two Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$206,250), 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. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(399-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7994 for the maintenance of Atlas Copco compressors at the Laboratory in Hauppauge during the one-year period beginning February 1, 2024, submitted by John Iacono Inc. of Bohemia, 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 Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$10,940), 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. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(400-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7995 to furnish and deliver replacement parts for Boss Compressor and Auto Crane during the one-year period beginning November 1, 2023, submitted by Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Co. Inc. of New York, NY, on a discount percentage basis, be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7995 to furnish and deliver replacement parts for Western Snowplows during the one-year period beginning November 1, 2023, submitted by Trius, Inc. of Bohemia, NY, on a discount percentage basis, 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.

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

(401-09-2023) RESOLVED, To reject the single bid under Contract 7996 for construction of a 20" x 10"-diameter Well (No. 1A), approximately 800 feet deep at the North Country Road well field in Miller Place, NY, submitted by A.C. Schultes, Inc. of Woodbury Heights, NJ; this contract will be rebid.

Mr. Szabo then referenced a memo from the Director of Risk Management regarding an insurance renewal. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(402-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the renewal of the environmental insurance policy for the SCWA fueling truck for the purpose of spill coverage and extend same to April 1, 2025 at a cost of Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-six and 25/100 Dollars (\$8,196.25).

The Members reviewed a request for continuaton of an easement originally approved in 1997 but which was never recorded. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

(403-09-2023) WHEREAS, Douglas Naughton has requested the Authority grant an easement southerly of the well field and pump station located at Old Schoolhouse Road, Manorville for his property which is currently land-locked; and

WHEREAS, the easement will be for ingress, egress and installation of utilities for Douglas Naughton's property; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, To grant an easement to Douglas Naughton for ingress and egress purposes and an easement for utilities located at O S Sunrise Highway in Center Moriches, New York (SCTM 0200-677.00-02.00-022.002) for the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500); and that any Member or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this easement agreement on behalf of the Authority.

The Members then considered applications to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried it was

(404-09-2023) RESOLVED, To construct Well No. 6 at the Belmore Avenue Well Field, 4.13-acre site, located on the west side of Belmore Avenue, between Oceanside and Amityville Streets, North Great River, Town of Islip; 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.

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

(405-09-2023) RESOLVED, To construct Well No. 4 at the Blank Lane Well Field, 5.2-acre site, located on the east side of Blank Lane, 4,794' north of Head of Pond Road, Water Mill, Town of Southampton; 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.

Mr. Szabo presented requests regarding equipment. After further discussion of each and on motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

(406-09-2023) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of a Waters Xevo TQ-XS tandem mass spectrometer to perform analysis of perfluorinated compounds under NYS Contract PC 67250 in the amount of Four Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine and 15/100 Dollars (\$402,369.15).

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

(407-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of shelving, countertops and cabinets to be used in the proposed expansion of a new sample receiving area in the laboratory from the lowest quote received of OnePointe Solutions LLC of Elgin, TX in the amount of Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$60,611).

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

(408-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of two (2) subframes to be used as part of required maintenance on Authority vehicles from the lowest quote received of Brand FX Body Company of Syracuse, NY, in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$4,252) plus associated freight costs.

The Members then reviewed several requests regarding special services agreements. After further explanation of each, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(409-09-2023) RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement with Long Island Analytical Laboratory Inc. of Holbrook, NY, to perform annual surfactant testing during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 in the amount of Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$24,187.50); and that any 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

(410-09-2023) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of a three-year extension effective June 1, 2023, with BidNetDirect of Latham, NY, to provide an online bidder platform in the total amount of Twenty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$24,511); 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 a motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(411-09-2023) RESOLVED, To accept the proposal of GEL Laboratories, LLC of Charleston, SC, to perform radiological analysis of drinking water samples during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2024, in the estimated amount of Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$51,840); 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 presented an item for consideration relating to meetings, training and seminar attendance. On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was;

(412-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance of Polly Weigand, Science and Stewardship Manager of the Central Pine Barrens Commission at the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Workshop and Comprehensive Wildfire Protection Plan – Pre-workshop training course from November 4 through 10, 2023 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the estimated total amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$2,208).

The Members reviewed a standard workday and reporting resolution for Chairman Lefkowitz. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(413-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the schedule of time worked from May 2, 2023 through September 1, 2023 for Chairman Charles Lefkowitz, for the purpose of retirement reporting; and approve and post the reporting resolution to the Authority’s website for 30 days; and thereafter file the resolution with the NYS Retirement System.

The Members reviewed the recommendations of the Governance Committee with regard to several personnel policies. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(414-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the revisions to policies included in Sections 6 through 9 of the SCWA Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

(415-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the revision to Policy 116-Remote Work of the SCWA Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

(416-09-2023) RESOLVED, To amend Resolution 299-09-1995 as follows:

WHEREAS Careers at the Authority are considered to be premium because of salary growth, fringe benefits, training, longevity, and excellent retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, the Authority has opened these jobs to as many unrelated individuals as possible thereby providing opportunities to many families; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Administration shall not hire individuals who are related to employees of the Authority through blood or marriage or domestic partnership unless such individual has extraordinary and unique skills and talents required by the Authority that cannot be provided by other potential job applicants; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any such hiring (temporary or permanent, exclusive of interns) of a related individual indicated above with special skills shall only be approved by resolution of the Authority Members.

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

(417-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the revision to Policy 504-Tuition Reimbursement of the SCWA Policies and Procedures Manual.

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment. On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was;

(418-09-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC	\$867.00
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$67,525.75
Helsin, Rothenberg, Farley & Mesiti	\$400.00
KPMG	\$15,310.00
Long Island Association	\$1,600.00

The next meeting of the board members was scheduled for October 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. There was no new business or public comment. At 3:40 p.m, on a motion by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(419-09-2023) RESOLVED, That the Members go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and conclude the meeting at the end of executive session.

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

(420-09-2023) RESOLVED, To confirm the termination of employment of Michael Zarro, Utility Person.

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

(421-09-2023) RESOLVED, To confirm the termination of employment of Timothy Goodfield, Clerk.

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

(422-09-2023) RESOLVED, To confirm the termination of employment of Claudia Bamonte, Call Center Supervisor.

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

(423-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Marsha Yancey of Wheatley Heights, NY in the position of Clerk in the Call Center at an hourly rate of \$37.02; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(424-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Kristy Scannell of Nesconset, NY in the position of Clerk in the Call Center at an hourly rate of \$25.84; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(425-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Dean Argenti of Aquebogue, NY in the position of Garage Mechanic B in Transportation/Fleet Services at an hourly rate of \$44.49; to be 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;

(426-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Brenden Kelly of Deer Park, NY in the position of Utility Person in Westhampton at an hourly rate of \$35.53; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(427-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Corrine Giaquinto of Lindenhurst, NY in the position of Clerk in the Call Center at an hourly rate of \$37.02; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(428-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Zachary Neville of Brentwood, NY in the position of Field Operator in East Hampton at an hourly rate of \$43.41; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(429-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ David Corvino as Construction-Maintenance Field Supervisor at an annual salary of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(430-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Patrick Derenze of Patchogue, NY as Assistant to the CEO/Secretary to the Board at an annual salary of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000); effective upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was;

(431-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Joseph Corigliano of Massapequa Park, NY in the position of Risk Manager at an annual salary of \$110,000 with 3 weeks' vacation, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(432-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ William Reitz of Greenlawn, NY in the position of Pipeline Inspector in Construction-Maintenance at an annual salary of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(433-09-2023) RESOLVED, To promote Gina Byrne of Lindenhurst, NY to the position of Contact Center Supervisor at an annual salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) with 3 weeks' vacation; to be effective upon her resignation from the Union.

On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was;

(434-09-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Errol Toulon III of Lake Grove, NY in the position of Pipeline Inspector in Construction-Maintenance at an annual salary of Sixty-five Thousand

Dollars (\$65,000) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

Timothy Bishop
Secretary