

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

May 26, 2010
Seacoast Utility Authority Board Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Maria V. Davis, Chair
Robert Weisman, Vice Chair
Ron Ferris, Member
Jimmy Knight, Member

ABSENT: Joseph Lo Bello, President Pro-Tem

ALSO PRESENT: Nat Nason, General Counsel
Rim Bishop, Executive Director
Jessica Moore, Authority Clerk

*****THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA*****

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2010

Move to approve the minutes for meeting of April 28, 2010

AGREEMENTS

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Amended Interlocal Agreement for Connection to Palm Beach County Network

Move to approve amended Interlocal Agreement for Connection to the Palm Beach County Network, as recommended by staff.

CONTRACT AWARDS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Janitorial Services Contract

Move to approve two-year extension to the Janitorial Services contract with Sonshine Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, Inc., as recommended by staff.

2. Hauling of Dewatered Domestic Sewer Sludge

Move to approve extended contract for Hauling of Dewatered Domestic Sewer Sludge for two additional years to Steve Britt, the lowest responsive bidder and whose bid will best serve the public interest in the amount of \$4.50 per cubic yard, as recommended by staff.

3. Laboratory Services

Move to award Laboratory Services contract to Pace Analytical Laboratory pursuant to the terms of the competitively bid Hillsborough County Government agreement in the estimated amount of \$70,950 annually, as recommended by staff.

PGA WWTP INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROLS UPDATE CONTRACT – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Move to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Electron Corporation of South Florida SCADA Upgrades at the PGA WWTP contract in the amount of \$58,016.97.00 as recommended by staff.

MOTION

Board Members Ferris/Knight moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*******END OF CONSENT AGENDA*******

HOOD ROAD WATER PLANT EMERGENCY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES

MOTION

Board Members Ferris/Knight moved to award Eau Gallie Electric, Inc. for replacement of Hood Road Water Treatment Plant emergency generator to the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of \$447,739.00, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPLACEMENT OF FOUR SURFICIAL AQUIFER WELLS - ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION

Board Members Knight/Ferris moved to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Holtz Engineering for Replacement of Four Surficial Aquifer Wells in the amount of \$179,890.00, as recommended by staff.

Board Member Jimmy Knight asked if there was no requirement to go out to bid. Executive Director Rim Bishop explained that the two consulting firms that would provide services were competitively selected as general engineering consultants, pursuant to the provisions of the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act, in 2009.

Mr. Knight asked how long the contract is good for. Attorney Nat Nason stated there is a provision with the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act, which allows a municipality to select engineers on a continuing basis, as long as it does not go over a certain amount of money.

Chair Maria Davis noted that she believes 16%-17% for engineering fees is extremely high.

The motion carried unanimously.

SURFICIAL AQUIFER WELL REHABILITATION SERVICES

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Knight moved to award contract for Surficial Aquifer Well Rehabilitation to Aquifer Maintenance and Performance Systems, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of Town of Jupiter contract no. JW 09-03 in the amount of \$150,000.00, as recommended by staff.

Mr. Knight asked if the contract was “not to exceed” \$150,000.00. Rim Bishop confirmed that it was. Mr. Knight questioned why there was an \$180,000.00 figure in the backup material to the agenda item. Mr. Bishop confirmed that the amount was the budgeted figure.

Vice-Chair Bob Weisman elected to amend the motion to read “in the amount not to exceed”.

AMENDED MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Knight moved to award contract for Surficial Aquifer Well Rehabilitation to Aquifer Maintenance and Performance Systems, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of Town of Jupiter contract no. JW 09-03 in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2010, AMENDING SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY SERVICE CODE

MOTION

Board Members Knight/Weisman moved to approve Resolution No. 4-2010, Amending Seacoast Utility Authority Service Code, as recommended by staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No comments from board members.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Bishop stated the engineers report and the financial report were in the packet. Dave Holtz was present for any engineering questions. Mr. Bishop noted that Finance Manager Daniela Russell was absent, but he would answer questions if there were any on the financial report.

Mr. Knight observed that Ms. Russell's board packet memorandum highlights the fact that water treatment expenses are over budget, year to date. She also indicates that a few other departments have overages as well. However, reviewing the expenses as a whole, Mr. Knight noted that it appears that the total expenses are under budget.

Mr. Bishop confirmed that Seacoast is indeed clearly under budget for the first 6 months of the fiscal year on the expense side and that revenue has exceeded projections for the same period. Seacoast is thus in better financial condition than the budget projected for this period.

Mr. Bishop stated that the most significant water department budgetary issue is to the cost of hauling and disposing of lime sludge. This material has to be hauled to the Okeechobee landfill for disposal.

Mr. Knight suggested that the memorandum be clearer as to how Seacoast is actually doing financially. He observed that the memo creates a false negative impression of Seacoast's financial performance this fiscal year.

MEMBRANCE PROJECTS

Mr. Bishop stated the injection well should be completed by the middle of June and the rig should be down shortly after, with the driller being off the property by August.

All projects are generally on schedule and pipeline work in front of the Isles is 90% complete.

Mr. Bishop also stated there was some difficulty with the directional bore associated with the raw water pipeline beneath Burns Road at the FEC railroad tracks. The contractor had some hand in causing some subsidence in the City of Palm Beach Gardens Public Works parking area.

AUDIT

Mr. Bishop stated Seacoast is presently finishing up a dependent health insurance audit to make sure that all dependents covered by Seacoast's group insurance program are truly eligible for such coverage.

SFWMD PERMIT

Attorney Nat Nason reported that Seacoast is making progress with its SFWMD water use permit renewal application. If Seacoast is able to demonstrate that its requested Hood Road Wellfield withdrawal will not result in a ground water draw down footprint equivalent to that created by 2006 pumpage, SFWMD will authorize Seacoast's requested allocation. This may require the introduction of an additional 3 million gallons a day of a nano filtration reject water/reclaimed water blend into the Mirasol Eastern Lake System.

Mr. Nason confirmed that until Seacoast can and does apply the additional blended reclaimed water, SFWMD will permit an annual average day Hood Road Wellfield withdrawal of approximately 10.8 million gallons per day. After the blend is applied, 13.8 million gallons per day could be withdrawn from the Hood Road Wellfield.

Mr. Ferris asked how long ago the application had been submitted to the SFWMD. Mr. Nason answered 5 years. Mr. Ferris asked if the application would have to be resubmitted when the agreement is finally made. Mr. Nason stated that there would be a permit condition inserted in the permit, which he was asked to draft.

Mr. Ferris congratulated Mr. Nason for persuading SFWMD to listen to the science of the issue.

BENT TREE

Mr. Nason also mentioned that the SFWMD would like to see Seacoast offer Bent tree a certain amount of reclaimed water. However, Mr. Nason would like to attach certain conditions to the request. Mr. Nason confirmed that the SFWMD is in agreement with almost all of the conditions.

Mr. Nason is very pleased with the outcome of the situation. He does not believe the issues to be nearly as insurmountable as they were 6 months ago.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Chair Maria Davis adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:20 PM.

APPROVAL:

MARIA DAVIS, CHAIR

BOB WEISMAN, VICE CHAIR

JOE LO BELLO, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

RON FERRIS, MEMBER

JIMMY KNIGHT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK