

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

June 23, 2010
Seacoast Utility Authority Board Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Maria V. Davis, Chair
Joseph Lo Bello, President Pro-Tem
Ron Ferris, Member
Jimmy Knight, Member

ABSENT: Robert Weisman, Vice Chair

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 MAY 26, 2010

Move to approve the minutes for meeting of May 26, 2010

PGA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLARIFIER DRIVE GEAR – EMERGENCY PURCHASE RATIFICATION

Consider a motion to ratify staff's emergency purchase for the installation of one WesTech gear drive unit for the PGA Wastewater Treatment Plant south clarifier and to transfer such contingency funds commensurate with the cost in the amount of \$64,030.00, as recommended by staff.

LITTLE LAKE WORTH BRIDGE WATER AND FORCE MAIN – ENGINEERING SERVICES CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Consider a motion to approve \$24,700.00 AECOM USA, Inc. engineering services Change Order no. 1 to Little Lake Worth Bridge Water and Force Main Replacement, as recommended by staff.

MOTION

Board Members Lo Bello/Ferris moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

CUSTOMER REQUEST FOR DISHWASHER REPAIR REIMBURSEMENT

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated that Seacoast crews were called out on March 3, 2010 to Celery Lane in Palm Beach Gardens to respond to a service line break. The damage was caused by Juno Sprinkler Company.

As is its established practice, Seacoast's crew shut the water off the affected line, made the repair and then restored service. The service outage posed no public health risk and a boil water notice was therefore not required. Customers were without water for a very short period of time.

Shortly thereafter, customer William O'Brien contacted Mr. Bishop to let him know his dishwasher was not working, that it had failed at the time the water was shut off. Since water service was interrupted without advance notice to Mr. O'Brien's property, he is requesting that Seacoast reimburse him for the dishwasher damages.

Mr. Bishop noted that Seacoast denied Mr. O'Brien's request because Seacoast was not responsible for breaking the line; Seacoast staff simply repaired the line.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he realizes it is not Seacoast's fault that the pipe broke, but he believes his dishwasher was broken due to the fact that his water was shut off without being notified.

The board took no action to alter or overturn staff's denial of Mr. O'Brien's request. Chairperson Maria Davis advised Mr. O'Brien that his request was therefore denied.

PGA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – REPLACEMENT OF FILTER MEDIA

MOTION

Board Members LoBello/Ferris moved to authorize sole source purchase of PGA Wastewater Treatment Plant filter media from Aqua Aerobic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$90,630.00, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

PGA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – CLEANING OF AERATION TANKS

MOTION

Board Members Ferris/Lo Bello moved to approve budget transfer from Contingency to line item 60-546-330, Wastewater Treatment Maintenance and Repairs in the amount of \$40,000.00, as recommended by staff.

Board Member Jimmy Knight questioned if the \$40,000.00 was going to the same company that was awarded the initial bid.

Mr. Bishop confirmed that it is.

The motion carried unanimously.

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. Engineering Consultant Dave Holtz was present for any engineering questions. Finance Manager Daniela Russell was present for any financial report questions.

MEMBRANCE PROJECTS

Mr. Bishop reported that significant problems with the piping work just north of the administrative building have delayed that portion of the project. The tentative scheduled completion date is July 19.

The on-site work is going very well at the plant. The injection well contractor should be wrapped up by July 26. Two pipeline projects are on schedule and 50% complete.

BENT TREE

Attorney Nat Nason stated he met with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Bent Tree representatives. He believes they are very close to resolving Bent Tree's concerns.

Seacoast offered Bent Tree up to 60,000 gallons per day of reclaimed water. If they agree to this decision, Seacoast will be obligated to see that a reclaimed water pipe is extended to a point very near Bent Tree. However, this would not happen unless and until Seacoast receives SFWMD approval to withdraw Seacoast's requested 13.8 million gallons per day from the Hood Road Wellfield, the full amount of which will not be needed until the Membrane Plant goes online.

Bent Tree also claims that Seacoast has caused historic harm on a portion of the lake. They are asking Seacoast to pay for 40%-50% of the restoration costs. Seacoast has offered them 20%.

Mr. Nason believes that this is a good compromise.

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 3:43 PM.

APPROVAL:

MARIA DAVIS, CHAIR

ROBERT WEISMAN, VICE CHAIR

JOE LO BELLO, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

RON FERRIS, MEMBER

JIMMY KNIGHT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK