

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

June 23, 2021

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Joseph Lo Bello, Vice-Chair  
Ron Ferris, President Pro-Tem  
Robert Weisman, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Andrew Lukasik, Chair  
John D'Agostino, Member

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

**\*\*\*OPENED PUBLIC WORKSHOP\*\*\***

COST-OF-SERVICE RATE AND FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Scott Harder, Seacoast's Rate Consultant, provided a summary and explanation of Exhibit "A".

A. Board Comment/Deliberation

Board Member Bob Weisman asked if there was a change in philosophy in the new rate structure regarding water conservation.

Mr. Harder stated the only change in philosophy is that the proposed upper tier of consumption is now fully supported by a sophisticated cost of service analysis. The proposed structure will continue to promote water conservation.

Mr. Weisman noted that the proposed commodity rate changes are not so significant that they are likely to encourage increased water consumption. Mr. Harder agreed, and reasserted that the highest commodity rate tiers reflect the actual cost of meeting those higher demands.

B. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**MOTION**

**Board Members Weisman/Ferris moved to schedule public hearings for August 25 and September 22 to receive public comment and consider adoption of Seacoast Utility Authority Rate Ordinance no. 2-2021 and to direct staff to provide such public notice as may be required.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*\*CLOSED PUBLIC WORKSHOP\*\*\***

**\*\*\*DETERMINED THE CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\***

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Considered a motion to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 26, 2021**

Considered a motion to approve the minutes for meeting of May 26, 2021.

**CONTRACT AWARDS**

**A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

1. Biological Odor Control Unit Maintenance – Piggyback Contract Extension

Considered a motion to approve proposal for Biological Odor Control Unit Maintenance – Piggyback Contract Extension with Evoqua Water Technologies, pursuant to the terms of the competitively bid Manatee County Contract, in the amount of \$99,360.00 annually, as recommended by staff.

**MOTION**

**Board Members Weisman/Ferris moved to approve the consent agenda, as recommended by staff.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**\*\*\*ENDED CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\***

LIFT STATION NO. 20 BASIN EVALUATION – AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**MOTION**

**Board Members Weisman/Ferris moved to approve Lift Station No. 20 Basin Evaluation – Agreement for Professional Services with Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$87,490.00 with a supporting budget transfer in the amount of \$88,000.00 from R2078 – Northlake Boulevard / US-1 Pressure Pipe Project (Phase 2), as recommended by staff.**

DESIGN BUILD AUTHORIZATIONS

**MOTION**

**Board Members Weisman/Ferris moved to approve the following Design Build Authorization in the amount of \$295,644.75 with required budget transfers in the amount of \$296,000.00, as recommended by staff.**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Firm</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lift Station 1 Improvements	Globaltech, Inc.	\$295,644.75

**The motion carried unanimously.**

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the board.

STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated the engineer’s report and the financial report were in the packet. Chief Operations Officers Brandon Selle was present for any engineer report questions. Chief Financial Officer Daniela Russell was present for any financial report questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Vice Chair Joseph Lo Bello adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:28 PM.

**APPROVAL:**

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ANDREW LUKASIK, CHAIR

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JOSEPH LO BELLO, VICE CHAIR

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RON FERRIS, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

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JOHN D'AGOSTINO, MEMBER

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ROBERT WEISMAN, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK