

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2021.

**PRESENT:** Jerome D. Schad, Chair  
 Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair  
 Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer  
 Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority  
 Karen A. Prendergast, Chief Financial Officer  
 Russell J. Stoll, Chief Operating Officer  
 Mark S. Carney, General Counsel  
 Daniel J. NeMoyer, Director of Human Resources (via teleconference)  
 Joyce A. Tomaka, Comptroller  
 Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration (via teleconference)  
 Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer (via teleconference)  
 Jeffrey Schlierf, Acting Manager of Information Technology (via teleconference)

**ATTENDEES:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

**II. READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**IV. REPORTS****A) SECRETARY****B) LEGAL****C) FISCAL**

## 1. 2022 Budget Schedule

Karen Prendergast submitted a proposed 2022 budget schedule and explained the budget process. Chairman Schad remarked that he is optimistic that 95% of the projects planned will be completed and paid for this year. However, if this is not the case, he would like the department head to inform the Commissioners of their proposed steps to achieve a 95% - 100% result.

Chairman Schad also spoke about the 1% pipe replacement standard where the Authority could replace pipelines on an average of once every 100 years, which would be an increase from the .075% pipe replacement standard we have in the current Strategic Plan. He thinks that the capital projects data supports a possible increase in our replacement rate. He would like the division heads to look at whether we could modify the strategic plan to allow us to move up to the 1% target that would also show up in the proposed 2022 Budget.

## 2. June 2021 Investment Report

Karen Prendergast distributed the June 2021 Investment Report along with a brief explanation of the report.

## 3. Monthly Financial Report – June 2021

Joyce Tomaka distributed the June 2021 Monthly Financial report which includes operating revenue, investment income, operating expense and net income, and briefly reviewed the data.

**D) OPERATIONS****E) HUMAN RESOURCES**

**F) AUDIT COMMITTEE****G) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE****H) FINANCE COMMITTEE****I) ETHICS COMMITTEE****V. COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

(Communications may be limited to items that are provided electronically. Every effort will be made to provide all communications at future meetings.)

**C-1 STEVEN NOYES, CONTROL OPERATOR CREW CHIEF RETIREMENT – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO SECRETARY FOR FOLLOW UP****C-2 NOC – APRIL LUDLOW V ECWA ET AL – RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO LEGAL FOR FOLLOW UP**

General Counsel Carney spoke to wish Margaret Murphy a speedy recovery.

**VI. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE AUTHORITY**

The Commissioners will hear the concerns of persons desiring to address the Commissioners on any Water Authority subject

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****VIII. NEW BUSINESS****ITEM 1 - MASTER PURCHASE ORDERS, RELEASES FROM MASTER PURCHASE ORDERS, PURCHASE ORDERS, AND AMENDMENTS OF SAME**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MAIN EXTENSION AGREEMENT (BUILDER-CONTRACTOR-DEVELOPER) WITH NATALE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS, LLC AND L.J. QUIGLIANO II, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1,554 LINEAR FEET OF EIGHT (8”) INCH PVC WATERMAIN, 46 LINEAR FEET OF EIGHT (8”) INCH DIP WATERMAIN, THREE (3) HYDRANTS AND FOUR (4) LINES VALVES AND APPURTENANCES IN SPAULDING GREEN SUBDIVISION PHASE 7A, TOWN OF CLARENCE, NEW YORK, PROJECT NO. 202100056, EC NO. 7168**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 3 - RESOLUTION GRANTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO PERFORM THE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE OWNER AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES ADJUSTED VIA STATE-LET CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH PIN NO. 5813.61, PROJECT NO. 201900110**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 4 - AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HOHL INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. GHD-008 RESIDUALS HANDLING UPGRADES, VAN DE WATER WATER TREATMENT PLANT, PROJECT NO. 201900208 - \$7,595,300.00**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Iannello noted that she recently toured Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant and Van de Water Treatment Plant. She thanked David Patton, Sr. Production

Engineer, for his hard work and expertise.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION RELATIVE TO AN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR GAS DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, PROJECT NO. 201900173**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

On the question, Chairman Schad asked General Counsel Carney if there was an issue doing business with this company. Mr. Carney informed him that there is no issue. Mr. Carney added that the Legal department is reviewing contracts to include a termination clause that the Authority desires along with other areas of the contract that needs modifications.

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 6 - AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT LEAK ALLOWANCE REQUESTS - \$16,382.72**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 7 - AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A ONE-TIME COURTESY REVERSAL OF DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CENTRAL TRANSPORT (ACCOUNT NO. 60539954-7) - \$1,818.80**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ITEM 8 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ERIE COUNTY WATER  
AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

Motion by Ms. LaGree and seconded by Ms. Iannello and carried

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Schad seconded by Ms. Iannello carried that the meeting adjourned at  
10:00 a.m.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**VOTE**

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None



Terrence D. McCracken  
Secretary to the Authority

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