

MINUTES of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY** held in the office, 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York, on the 4th day of August 2022.

PRESENT: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
 Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
 Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer
 Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority
 Karen A. Prendergast, Chief Financial Officer
 Mark S. Carney, General Counsel
 Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer
 Joyce A. Tomaka, Comptroller
 Lavonya C. Lester, Director of Administration (via teleconference)
 David W. Aubertine, Director of Cybersecurity and Information Technology
 Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality
 Matthew W. Barrett, Security Officer (via teleconference)

ATTENDEES:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present with three Commissioners.

II. REPORTS

- A. SECRETARY**
- B. LEGAL**
- C. FISCAL**
- D. OPERATIONS**
- E. HUMAN RESOURCES**
- F. AUDIT COMMITTEE**
- G. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**
- H. FINANCE COMMITTEE**
- I. ETHICS COMMITTEE**

III. 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.)

IV. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the Erie County Water Authority's Open Meetings Law Policy Section 10 Public Expression, as posted on its website, the Commissioners will hear the concerns of persons desiring to address the Commissioners on any Water Authority subject. No one appeared to speak.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1 - AWARD OF CONTRACT TO E&R FOR CONTRACT NO. CH-014, WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF HAMBURG, PROJECT NO. 202100034 - \$3,878,678.00

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

DISCUSSION

On the question, Chairman Schad asked General Counsel Carney if both Items 1 and 2 have Legal's approval, in which Mr. Carney replied that both items have been approved by Legal.

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello
Noes: None

ITEM 2 - AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VISONE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. LA-005, WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF TONAWANDA, PROJECT NO. 202100025 - \$3,526,192.87

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

DISCUSSION

On the question, Mr. Schad asked if Contracts CH-014 and LA-005 will be finished by the end of this year. Mr. Kowalski informed him that these contracts will be started this year and finished next year.

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello
Noes: None

ITEM 3 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE WAGE SCHEDULE FOR BI-WEEKLY EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT

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

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Schad noted that he did some anecdotal checking regarding paralegals in the area, and it does appear that there is a pressure on salaries for paralegals.

Commissioner Iannello asked if an RFP will be issued. Mr. Carney remarked that this position will be advertised one more time with the newer salary.

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. LaGree seconded by Ms. Iannello carried that the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Schad, LaGree and Iannello

Noes: None



Terrence D. McCracken
Secretary to the Authority

PG