MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9250 HAMMAN STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL

Members present: Elvin McCorvey, Chairman
Elizabeth S. Campbell, Vice Chairman
Lois Benson
Dale Perkins
Larry Walker

Counsel present: Bradley S. Odom

Staff present: Stephen E. Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Tim Haag, Director of Communications and Government Affairs
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Randy Rudd, Deputy Executive Director-Shared Services

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCorvey called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Walker provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Dr. Walker, to adopt the agenda as presented and amended. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 4 – COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(a) 2012 National Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies

Mr. Haag presented the 2012 National Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies to the Board members. Mr. Sorrell also presented a letter of congratulations to the Board from Congressman Jeff Miller in recognition of receipt of the award.

As previously requested by the Board, Mr. Sorrell introduced six of the ECUA's most recently promoted Supervisors. The Board expressed its appreciation for the hard work and dedication that these employees exhibited and encouraged their continued efforts and future successes.

ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 23, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 6 - OPERATIONAL ITEMS:

(a) Escambia County CDBG Fire Hydrant Program – 2011 Program Year

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Benson, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Escambia County and proceed with the project through bidding for work related to the 2011 CDBG Fire Hydrant Program. Motion carried 5-0.

(b) State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement-Amendment #2

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Benson, to approve Amendment 2 to SRF Loan Agreement WW816100, and authorize the Executive Director and legal counsel to execute the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

(c) ECUA Septage Treatment and Receiving Program

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to (1) conclude that the needs of the public for septage treatment and disposal services are not being adequately met by the private sector; (2) conclude that it is necessary that ECUA provide domestic septage, portable toilet, and grease trap waste disposal services; (3) establish a new CIP project with a budget of $1.84 million with funding through transfers from existing CIP projects for septage, portable toilet, and grease waste disposal facilities; (4) initiate the process to adopt an initial base rate of $81.00 per 1,000 gallons during normal operating hours, and 150% of that rate ($121.50) afterhours, during weekends and holidays, for processing and disposing of septage and grease trap wastes; and (5) authorize the Executive Director to purchase materials, supplies, equipment and professional services as necessary to proceed with construction of the authorized septage, portable toilet, and grease trap waste treatment system, with funding from the newly established CIP project. Motion carried 5-0.

(d) Adoption of Resolution 12-05

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Walker, to adopt Resolution 12-05 – A PRELIMINARY RATE SETTING RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF REVISED CHARGES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC SEPTAGE OR GREASE TRAP WASTE. Motion carried 5-0.

(e) Proposed amendments to City of Pensacola Code

Ms. Benson stated that the document before the Board is overly regulatory and overly specific. Ms. Benson indicated that the City has recently shown some interest in purchasing the Main Street property. Further, ECUA should get the highest price possible for the Main Street property and an appraisal should be conducted by a national property appraisal firm with experience in appraising property such as the Main Street property.

A motion was made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Dr. Walker, to (1) express our interest to the City for them to purchase the property; (2) have staff look into the cost of an appraisal, who might do it, when would be the best time to do the appraisal, and report back to the Board; (3) that we should request that the City refrain from moving forward on changes to the Land Development Code. Motion carried 5-0.

(f) Draft Consent Order from Florida Department of Environmental Protection

This issue was for discussion only at this time. Mr. Sorrell advised the Board that he would like some direction from the Board to communicate back to FDEP. It was the consensus of the Board that the proposed draft consent order was acceptable and staff indicated that a final order would be presented at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Benson stated that there needs to be some discussion with the Governor of Florida about these regulatory burdens that are facing our area.

(g) Renewal of Contract for Legal Services – Odom & Barlow

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Benson, to approve the contract for legal services with Odom & Barlow. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 7 - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

None.

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ITEM 8 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The following reports were presented for information only and did not require any action.

(a) Expenditures approved by the Executive Director – Main Street WWTP Replacement project
(b) Notification of Emergency Purchase – Repair of dryer #1
(c) Notification of Expenditures approved by the Executive Director

Mr. Sorrell also provided an update on solving the "water hammer" problem at the McCrory well, stating that it is being worked on and testing should be conducted very soon. Mr. Sorrell also provided an update on the construction and changes presently occurring with the buildings/offices at the Ellyson location.

Mr. Sorrell also explained what apparently occurred to damage the dryer and what was required to make repairs that were needed.

ITEM 9 - ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Odom reported that a case is proceeding regarding the administrative building at the CWRF. Also, the case with the County regarding the transfer station is proceeding. Mr. Odom stated that he would be willing to discuss these cases individually with each Board member should they so desire.

ITEM 10 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 11 - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 12 - BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Walker commented that the actions taken with regard to the septage issue is a very good step forward.

ITEM 13 - OPEN FORUM

Although reflected in agenda order in these minutes, Ms. McKnight addressed the Board following Item 5.

Ms. Lara McKnight, Scenic Heights Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board requesting the Board to waive the $988 water impact fee required for installation of a water line to service a drinking fountain that they plan to place in Eastgate Park, located on Forest Glen Drive.

Mr. Odom reported that the fee cannot be waived, but he would take a look at the issue in an effort to find a way for the Association to accomplish their goal.

Mr. Barry Tweedie presented some thoughts on Item 6(f).

ITEM 14 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman McCorvey declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director

APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION ON _____.

( ) Without corrections/amendments.
( ) With corrections/amendments being: