MINUTES OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Deborah Benn
Vicki Campbell
Tim Common
Charles Green
Chuck Kimball
Louise Ritz
Hurey Smith
Larry Walker

Members absent: Elvin McCorvey, Vice Chairman
Dale Perkins
Kelley Thompson

Staff present: Steve Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Debra Buckley, Director of Finance
Ernest Dawson, Director of Regional Services
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Mike Hamlin, Manager of Utility Development
Brian Knight, Project Engineer
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
David Roberts, Director of Information Technology
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Randy Rudd, Deputy Executive Director-Shared Services
Patricia Sheldon, Director of Budgets and Cash Management

ITEM A - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ITEM B - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Benn provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ITEM C - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Kimball, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM D - OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the audience.

ITEM E - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Benn, seconded by Ms. Ritz, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2014 as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM F - ECUA EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE – STAFF PRESENTATION

Mr. Sorrell provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of some of the damages and repairs to the ECUA water and sewer system as a result of the most recent flooding incident.

Chairman Benson stated she would like for all of the members to express thanks and appreciation to the ECUA employees for their outstanding efforts and responses during and after the flood disaster, which allowed the Community to move forward.

Members Walker and Campbell also expressed appreciation for the efforts expended by the employees of ECUA.

In response to a question, Mr. Sorrell explained the process required to be utilized in getting reimbursement from FEMA for costs related to the flood disaster.

Chairman Benson inquired about the request to the County to reduce the tipping fees at the landfill for the flood damage debris that was being picked up by ECUA. Mr. Sorrell responded that the County would not lower the tipping fees at the landfill for the debris and the County did very little to assist with the effort.

ITEM G - LISTING CONTRACT FOR THE MAIN STREET PROPERTY - DISCUSSION

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Mr. Ken Ellzey, NAI Halford, addressed the Committee explaining the process and methods that his company utilizes in marketing the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Benn, that the Board extend the contract with NAI Halford for an additional nine months. Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM H - PERDIDO KEY MOUSE CROSSINGS – UTILITY RELOCATIONS

Staff provided the Committee with copies of a letter just received from the Florida Department of Transportation in which they ordered and directed that the ECUA relocate its water and sewer lines for this project and that ECUA have the relocation completed no later than August 29, 2014.

Representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation were present and responded to questions from the Committee. The representatives also explained why the "experimental" project is necessary for the endangered beach mouse and the expense involved since 2007, and continuing, to ensure that the rodents can safely cross Perdido Key Drive once the FDOT widens the road in the future.

The Committee explained its displeasure to the FDOT representatives in that this is an experimental FDOT project that would require ECUA to expend $1,000,000, forego its procedures for bidding of the project, and take valuable funds and resources from other projects. The Committee expressed to the FDOT representatives that ECUA and FDOT have a good working relationship and it is recognized that FDOT's directions are coming from "higher up" and for political reasons. Therefore, their comments were not directed personally toward the representatives.

Ms. Campbell pointed out that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is getting $1,000 annually from the property owners on the Key for mitigation of the mouse and those funds should be used for this project.

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Common, that the Board decline to participate in the FDOT mouse crossing project as currently designed, and petition to work with FDOT and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss and consider alternate project approaches and timelines that would make the utility relocation aspects of the project more economically acceptable to the ECUA customer base. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Smith voting against the motion.

Ms. Ritz moved to amend the motion to insert "the Governor" into the recommendation. *Motion died for lack of a second.* It was pointed out that any Committee member could contact the Governor and express their concerns as a citizen of Escambia County.

A recess was taken at 3:55 p.m. with the meeting being reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

ITEM I - INFINITUS ENERGY RECYCLING PROCESSING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Benn, seconded by Mr. Common, that the Board approve a short-term agreement between Infinitus Energy and the ECUA, and authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Green suggested that staff look at perhaps a one-year contract with three optional one-year extensions. Mr. Sorrell indicated staff would present this suggestion to the company.

Mr. Sorrell informed the Committee that a trip to the Infinitus Energy facility in Montgomery, AL, is planned for May 28 and that each Board member would be going. Mr. Sorrell stated that arrangements have been made for Board members to travel separately and to lunch separately so that compliance with the Sunshine Law would be safe-guarded.

Chairman Benson expressed her concerns with not allowing Board members to lunch together and stated that she would like for this to be sent to the State Attorney General for an official opinion relative to the elected officials traveling together and eating together.

ITEM J - EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Kimball, that the Board approve the one-year extension of the current contracts for ground maintenance at the CWRF, Regional Lift Stations, and ECUA water well properties, as provided as an option in the existing contracts with Executive Landscaping, at the same cost and terms, for a proposed cost of $52,105 and $39,660, respectively, with payment from the appropriate budget line item. The duration of the contracts will be for one year. Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM K - EXTENSION OF CHEMICAL CONTRACT – BAGGED HYDRATED LIME

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A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Ritz, that the Board approve the first year of two one-year extensions of the contract with Cheney Lime and Cement Co., of Allgood, AL, with no change in the unit price of $218.34 per ton, for the supply of bagged hydrated lime at the terms and rates offered by the supplier, with funding from the appropriate budget line item. Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM L - FISCAL YEAR 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET - CONTINUED

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Smith, to hold this item until the June meeting. Motion carried 9-0.

Chairman Benson requested that this item be placed first on the June agenda.

ITEM M - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

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

(1) Financial reports for the period ended March 31, 2014
(2) Regional Services monthly report – April 2014
(3) Water Production report – April 2014
(4) Water Reclamation report – March 2014
(5) Water Reclamation report – April 2014

ITEM N - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ITEM O - NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Green suggested that staff develop, under its public relations budget, a media campaign that would present factual information to the public relating to the Perdido Key mouse crossings as that work is being done.

ITEM P - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:24 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

APPROVED BY THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN A MEETING ON 06/18/14.

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