

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM  
AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL**

**Members present:** Lois Benson, Chairman  
Larry Walker, Vice Chairman  
Vicki Campbell  
Elvin McCorvey  
Dale Perkins

**Counsel present:** Bradley S. Odom

**Staff present:** Stephen E. Sorrell, Executive Director  
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs  
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board  
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Benson called the special meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

**ITEM 2 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Benson provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM 4 - ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-01**

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to adopt Resolution 15-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR IT TO PROVIDE, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A YARD TRASH AND VEGETATION PROCESSING SYSTEM. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-02**

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to adopt Resolution 15-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING AND LEASING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; APPROVING THE

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**FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE SCHEDULE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$11,068,116 TO THE MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH OSHKOSH CAPITAL; APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

An amendment to the motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, that the resolution include the newest "vehicle schedule addendum".

The vote on the amendment carried 5-0, and the vote on the motion as amended carried 5-0.

**ITEM 6 - OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Diane Schabel, 7049 Belgium Circle, addressed the Board concerning the issues related to the requirement for installation of backflow prevention devices, particularly for wells that are not connected to ECUA services.

At approximately 1:45 p.m., Chairman Benson advised that a Committee meeting would be starting at 2:00 p. m. and that she would recess the special Board meeting and reconvene it at 2:45 p.m. to continue to hear from those in the audience wishing to address the backflow issue.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Benson provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and reconvened the special Board meeting at approximately 2:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Walker to adjourn the meeting. *Motion died for lack of a second.*

A motion by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, as amended by Mr. Perkins, to (1) request that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reconsider its position that irrigation wells which are not connected to residential plumbing systems are nevertheless required to have backflow protection, and request that DEP issue a variance for such situations provided the customer provides at customer's expense certification of no cross-connection; (2) allow ECUA customers to use dual-check backflow preventers

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where allowed by DEP rule, but recommend double-check backflow assemblies; (3) allow any residential customer regardless of connection type wanting to put on a backflow preventer without the ability to pay for the installation of that backflow preventer to have it put on at the ECUA's expense and allow them to pay ECUA back in monthly installments over a period of time, up to three years under an existing ECUA financial program; and (4) allow customers to submit a notarized letter, affidavit, or other legal document to show entitlement to the requested variance instead of subsequent inspections.

The following individuals addressed the Board concerning various issues related to the requirement for installation of backflow prevention devices, particularly to private wells not connected to the ECUA water supply.

**Mr. David Huey**  
4301 W. Francisco Road

**Mr. Norman Stocker**  
2201 Fleance

**Ms. Diane Schabel**  
7049 Belgium Circle

**Ms. Bonnie Shearer**  
2232 Inda Avenue

**Mr. Mike Horgan**  
3480 Marjean Drive

**Mr. Barry Tweedie**  
10395 Old Dairy Lane

Mr. Perkins offered an amendment to Ms. Campbell's motion, which she accepted, to allow customers to submit a notarized letter, affidavit, or other legal document to show entitlement to the requested variance instead of subsequent inspections.

Mr. Sorrell indicated that he is not sure what DEP will accept and what they will not.

ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee members Deborah Benn and Chuck Kimball addressed the Board, with Mr. Kimball encouraging the Board to continue their efforts with the representatives in Tallahassee.

The vote on the motion made by Ms. Campbell and as amended by Mr. Perkins carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Walker to table this motion and revisit the motion at next week's regular Board meeting. *Motion died for lack of a second.*

Mr. Perkins requested that some sort of press release be made regarding this action.

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**ITEM 7 - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the special meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. Sorrell  
Executive Director and  
Secretary

APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD  
IN REGULAR SESSION ON 03/26/15.

- Without corrections/amendments.
- With corrections/amendments being: