

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM
AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL**

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

Counsel present: Bradley S. Odom

Staff present: Stephen E. Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Patricia Sheldon, Director of Budgets and Cash
Management

ITEM 1 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to calling the regular meeting of the Board to order, Ms. Campbell provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 2:01 p.m.

Chairman Benson advised that she was served with court papers on the Guillemard storage tank project and indicated that perhaps Mr. Odom would expound on the issue.

Mr. Odom advised that a lawsuit has been filed against ECUA relative to the Guillemard storage tank project and cautioned the members to refrain from commenting on the project as comments have previously been made that Board members have said something when, in fact, they did not or it was not as was originally stated.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Perkins added the topic of “recycling” to the agenda.

Mr. Sorrell added “CIP project” to the agenda.

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

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ITEM 5 - OPEN FORUM

Mr. Barry Tweedie, 10395 Old Dairy Lane, Pensacola, FL, addressed the Board stating that the Board needs to be prepared to address the issue of lead in the water system, whether it is or not, in light of what is occurring with other water systems around the Country. Further, the Environmental Working Group is taking advantage of the situations and utilizing scare tactics against the elderly in an effort to sell water filters.

Dr. Walker stated he agreed with Mr. Tweedie in the attempt to scare elderly people.

Mr. McCorvey advised that he was approached at a Home Depot store yesterday and the individual was telling him how bad ECUA's water was and tried to sell him filters.

Mr. Odom advised that it appears that the tactics being used at Home Depot have changed from their prior efforts, and perhaps it is time to once again make the Attorney General aware of those tactics, as well as General Counsel for Home Depot.

Chairman Benson stated that perhaps the staff could put together a presentation for the Committee.

ITEM 6 - PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 7 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 25, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM 8 – REPORT OF THE ECUA CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE 03/16/16

A motion was made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Perkins, that the Board approve the following recommendations for Item F. and G. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Contract extension – HVAC maintenance services: Central WRF, regional lift stations, Bayou Marcus WRF, Pensacola Beach WWTP

Extend the annual HVAC maintenance contract for the Central WRF, the three Regional Lift Stations, Bayou Marcus and Pensacola Beach plants for a period of one year, to Engineered Cooling Services, Inc., Pensacola, FL, for a total of \$68,814.98, with payment from the appropriate budget line item.

G. Zero Waste, Inc. – operating contract

Approve the MRF Operating Contract with Zero Waste, Inc., and authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents.

ITEM 9 - OPERATIONAL ITEMS:

(a) Adoption of Resolution 16-05

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to adopt Resolution 16-05 – A PRELIMINARY RATE SETTING RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHARGES FOR FINISHED COMPOST PRODUCT. Motion carried 5-0.

(b) Award of bid – Plantation, Whitmire, Sherrilane water main upgrades

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Mr. Perkins, to award the bid for Water System Upgrades for the 2014 Program Year to Underground Solutions, Inc., the lowest bidder, for the base bid and the additive alternate in the total amount of \$240,521.00, with funding from CIP Project CW410, plus a transfer in the amount of \$75,000.00 from CIP Project RW906 - Replacement of Antiquated Water Lines. Motion carried 5-0.

(c) Budget amendment – Interim Materials Recycling Facility

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to approve a budget amendment for the Interim Materials Recycling Facility (IMRF)

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Project, increasing the budget by \$450,000, for a total project budget of \$10,402,000, with funding from Project Contingencies and Unrestricted Reserves – Water and Wastewater Funds, or borrowed through an interest-free loan or ECUA inter-fund borrowing. Motion carried 5-0.

(d) Purchase of lease rights – Pensacola Beach reclaimed water storage tank and pumping station

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to approve the purchase of lease rights of property from the Santa Rosa Island Authority, for the expansion of the ECUA's reclaimed water system on Pensacola Beach, for the fee of \$180,000, with funding from CIP Project CS419; and authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary or convenient to effectuate that transaction, following legal review. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 10 - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

ITEM 11 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

(a) Expenditures approved by the Executive Director – Interim Materials Recovery Facility

Mr. Sorrell also informed the Board that the issues brought before the Committee at its last meeting by Mrs. Fournier related to the Carriage Hills water storage tank have been resolved with the resident(s).

Mr. Sorrell also provided verbal reports/updates on the following projects/topics.

1. Tornado damage clean up in her Northpoint area.
2. 2315 North Tarragona Street – the Health Department confirmed that the home is not on a septic system and is connected to the ECUA sewer system.
3. Reported that ECUA meets all the lead and copper regulations and does not have any problems with lead and copper, so much so that ECUA is not required to test again until 2017.
4. Cyber-security program.

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5. ECUA coverage on the back cover of the Chamber of Commerce membership book – arranged by Jim Roberts at no-cost.
6. Reported on the processing capability of the IMRF.

ITEM 12 - ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Odom reported that several items before the Legislature this session that would have impacted ECUA failed.

Further, they are working on agreements for various customers regarding the use of the MRF and will be bringing some of those agreements to the Board at its April meeting.

Mr. Odom stated they are continuing to work with the County on the Innerarity Island water system and are waiting to hear back from the County on the agreement for this project, which should be in place by June 30, 2016. Mr. Odom also provided an update on the funding and construction of the project.

ITEM 13 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) **CIP Project (Sorrell)**

Mr. Sorrell explained of the availability of a fabric canopy that is needed for the composting operation.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to (1) establish a new CIP project to be known as the Compost Canopy Project, CS425A, with funding from Project Contingencies in the amount of \$1,000,000; (2) authorize the Executive Director to submit a bid and contract with the City of Gulf Shores, AL, for the purchase of an approximately 31,500 square foot fabric canopy structure; (3) exempt from bidding requirements and authorize the Executive Director to contract with Signature Structures, LLC to deconstruct, transport, and erect that fabric canopy structure at the CWRF; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to issue a change order to Utility Service Co. for all related site work to accommodate the fabric canopy structure and related composting operations. Motion carried 5-0

ITEM 14 - NEW BUSINESS

(a) Mr. Perkins suggested that the Board members be thinking about naming the IMRF the "Rudd-Johnson" recycling facility, stating that this is suggested in recognition of the efforts of Randy Rudd of ECUA and Pat Johnson

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of the County in bringing this project to fruition. Mr. Perkins stated it is something that can be discussed at the April meeting.

Ms. Campbell indicated she could support the suggestion.

Chairman Benson referred the suggestion to staff.

ITEM 15 - BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM 16 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION ON 04/28/16.

- (X) Without corrections/amendments.
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