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MINUTES OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9250 HAMMAN STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Deborah Benn
Curtis Brotherton (arrived at 2:06 p.m.)
Elizabeth Campbell
Tim Common
James Kirkland
Elvin McCorvey
Louise Ritz
Hurey Smith
Larry Walker (arrived at 2:04 p.m.)

Members absent: Chuck Kimball
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman

Staff present: Steve Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Debra Buckley, Director of Finance
Ernest Dawson, Director of Regional Services
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
David Roberts, Director of Information Technology
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Randy Rudd, Deputy Executive Director-Shared Services

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

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

ITEM C - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Campbell added "update on Perdido Key" to the agenda.

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

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ITEM D - OPEN FORUM

Mr. Barry Tweedie, 10395 Old Dairy Lane, Pensacola, FL, addressed the Committee commenting on a recent Pensacola News Journal article relative to the demolition disposal of the property formerly occupied by the Main Street wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Tweedie stated that the City of Pensacola's financial contribution for replacement of the Main Street WWTP should not be a part of any future negotiations for acquisition of the property by the City.

Chairman Benson responded that it has always been the position of the ECUA to obtain the highest return on the property and what is in the best interest of the ratepayers.

Mr. Sorrell explained the purpose of the City's contribution towards the replacement of the plant, stating that, as yet, ECUA has not received any payments from the City, although there is a written agreement in place that the payments would begin in 2013. Further, the property would be appraised and then sold for the highest possible price or a comparable trade.

ITEM E - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Ms. Ritz, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM F - AWARD OF BID: SALE OF HEAT DRIED SLUDGE PRODUCT

Chairman Benson informed the Committee of a revised recommendation provided by ECUA attorney Brad Odom as follows:

That the Board waive any informalities in the bid submitted by Mannco Environmental Services and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the sale of the heat dried sludge product produced at the Central Water Reclamation Facility to Mannco Environmental Services, Inc. , Conway, Arkansas, at a sale price of $15.00 per dry ton for one year, with an option to extend annually for an additional two years, subject to no change in price and upon mutual agreement of both parties. ECUA's entry into the contract would be subject to Mannco Environmental Services, Inc., providing ECUA with proof of its authorization to do business in the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Ms. Benn, to approve the recommendation as provided by Mr. Odom. Motion carried 10-0.

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ITEM G - FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET

Mr. Sorrell provided an overview of the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget, stating that there will not be a rate increase for sanitation as a result of the savings from going to compressed natural gas.

Sanitation budget:

A motion was made by Ms. Benn, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, that the Board approve the sanitation budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried 10-0.

Water and Wastewater budget:

Chairman Benson stated that she is concerned that the budget is not on the ECUA web site.

Dr. Walker suggested that the six page summary be placed on the web site.

Ms. Benn indicated her concurrence with Chairman Benson.

Chairman Benson expressed her concerns with the health insurance increase, stating she would like to see a comparison between the private and public sector. Mr. Sorrell advised that negotiations would begin soon and staff would have a better idea as to the amount of increase and he would attempt to obtain a comparison of private and public.

Mr. Kirkland commented on the amount of fluoride being added to the water, stating that he would vote against the budget in that he feels the fluoride program should be eliminated.

Dr. Walker stated that he would like to see the time requirement for having a management audit performed expanded from three years to perhaps more than five.

Chairman Benson stated that this could be done easily through the Legislative Delegation as it only impacts ECUA. Chairman Benson requested that staff bring this issue forward to a future Committee meeting, perhaps September, with any other possible changes to be requested of the Delegation.

Chairman Benson expressed her reluctance to vote on the proposed budget until it is placed on the ECUA web site for public review.

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to defer acting on the budget until next month following the publishing of the budget on the ECUA web site. Motion carried 10-0.

Chairman Benson requested that staff provide the number of new customers over one year ago.

ITEM H - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

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

(1) Regional Services report – May 2012
(2) Regional Services report – June 2012
(3) Water Production report – May 2012
(4) Water Production report – June 2012
(5) Water Reclamation report – April 2012
(6) Water Reclamation report – May 2012

ITEM I - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Update on Perdido Key (Campbell)

Ms. Campbell informed the Committee that she visited the Perdido Key project that generated a $350,000 change order, stating that she gained a full understanding of the issues involved and why the change order was needed.

ITEM J - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM K - 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 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and Secretary

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APPROVED BY THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN A MEETING ON 08/15/12.

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