



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:00 PM

Focus Hope
1400 Oakman Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48238

Location and Time Change:

Focus Hope
1400 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48238
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hendrix called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

Present: 6 - Chairman Freman Hendrix, Vice Chairman Brian Baker, Secretary Abe Munfakh, Director Gary Brown, Director Robert Daddow, and Director Craig Hupy

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. [2018-902](#) August 22, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.Draft

Attachments: [August 22, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion to approve the August 22, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

Motion By: Robert Daddow
Support By: Craig Hupy
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment

Susan Ryan, an employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and currently an employee of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), came before the Board

regarding employee contract issues pertaining to wages, healthcare.

Tracey Reynolds, President of Local 2920 (AFSCME) and an employee of GLWA, addressed the Board regarding contract issues their Local is facing.

Juan Moore, employee of GLWA, came before the Board regarding market wages and a fair contract.

Aurelia Morgan, employee of GLWA and Local 2920 member, came before the Board regarding lack of fair wages and hazard pay.

Joe Kimbrough, GLWA employee, came before the Board regarding lack of employee recognition and unfair wages.

Kim Garza, employee of GLWA - WRRF (Water Resource Recovery Facility), addressed the Board regarding unfair wages and contract issues.

Cindy Darrah, Great Lakes Water Protection Committee, addressed the Board regarding the need for carbon filtration.

Saulius Simoliunas, came before the Board, and first commemorated Kathleen Leavey, former Interim Director of the Water Department (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department), who recently passed away. Mr. Simoliunas then addressed the Board regarding lead problems in the City of Detroit Public Schools.

6. Communications

A. [2018-903](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [July 2018 Member Outreach Requests Packet](#)
[August 2018 Member Outreach Requests Packet](#)
[Member Outreach Requests to GLWA Admin June 2017-August 2018](#)
[S. Simoliunas Public Comment to GLWA Board.September 216, 2018](#)
[Cindy Darrah Public Comment.September 26 2018](#)
[Flint Update](#)

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. [2018-925](#) Presentation: 2018 Water and Sewer Bond Refunding and New Bonds for Sewer System Improvements

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [GLWA Board Presentation Post bond sale Final Series 2018 Bonds Results Summary](#)
[Impact of 2018 Bond Transaction Results on Feasibility Forecast 7B1 Report](#)
[2018 Refunding and New Money Transaction Results Report](#)

Motion By: Robert Daddow
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2018-911](#) Proposed Agreement Regarding Northeast Sewage Disposal System with County of Wayne

Indexes: General Counsel

Attachments: [Wayne County Northeast re meter replacement 091818 REVISED FINAL](#)

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Craig Hupy
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [2018-908](#) Authorization to Pay DTE for Emergency On-site Generator Usage

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [GLWA Reso. 2018-908 DTE Invoice # 90262937](#)
[GLWA Reso 2018-908 Third Electrical fedd GLWA WRRF - Summary of Back-Up Generator Costs - Revised Actual Costs](#)

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [2018-892](#) GLWA-CON-270 Isolation Gate Valves for Line Pumps for West Service Center Pumping Station

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [GLWA-CON-270 Procurement Board Summary](#)
[GLWA-CON-270 Bid Tab](#)

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Craig Hupy
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. [2018-893](#) GLWA-CS-151A Reservoir Inspection, Design, and Rehabilitation Project at Imlay

**Station, Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Springwells WTP,
and Southwest WTP**

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [GLWA-CS-151A Procurement Board Summary](#)
[GLWA-CS-151A Bid Tab](#)

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. [2018-894](#) Contract No. GLWA-CS-152
Proposed Change Order 1
Route Alternatives Analysis and Preliminary Design for the Water
Works Park to Northeast Transmission Main**

Indexes: Water Operations

Motion By: Craig Hupy
Support By: Abe Munfakh
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- G. [2018-909](#) Contract No. GLWA-DB-303
GLWA System-wide Underground Storage Tank, Dispenser and
Management System Removal and Replacement**

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [Vendor Response Follow Up](#)
[Procurement Board Report RFP-GLWA-DB-303 Underground Storage
Tank, Dispenser and Management System Removal and Replacement](#)

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- H. [2018-905](#) GLWA-CON-285
Wholesale Water Meter Pit Rehabilitation and Meter Replacement**

Indexes: Planning Services

Attachments: [GLWA-CON-285.Bidtab.final](#)
[GLWA-CON-285 Procurement Board Summary-RFB 11337-v.1
4.2018rgs](#)

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Robert Daddow
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- I. [2018-906](#) **Contract No. GLWA-CON-219
Proposed Change Order No. 1
Debris Removal, Disposal, Cleaning and Flowmeter Services in
Influent Conduit at Baby Creek CSO Facility**

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Gary Brown
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- J. [2018-907](#) **Contract No. GLWA-PC-796
Proposed Change Order No. 1
Aeration System Improvements**

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Motion By: Gary Brown
Support By: Craig Hupy
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- K. [2018-910](#) **GLWA-CS-010
Proposed Change Order No 2
Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP)**

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Budgeted WRAP Revenue Allocation](#)

Motion By: Gary Brown
Support By: Abe Munfakh
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

9. Reports

None

10. Remarks

A. Chairperson's Remarks

Chairman Hendrix reflected on the life of Kathleen Leavey, who had a long tenure in city government. She worked in the Law Department, as well as Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), and had the opportunity to work directly with Ms. Leavey in various capacities in city government over the years, and her passing made him reflect and look back on the many encounters he had working together. Chairman Hendrix stated that Ms.

Leavey was an outstanding, excellent, very loyal and dedicated Detroitier and took her work very seriously. Chairman Hendrix further stated that Kathy would take anyone on if she felt you were wrong and she was right, and she was a fighter for the people who worked under her charge, no matter where she was in the chain and the hierarchy, and she would speak up on behalf of the workers at DWSD. Chairman Hendrix stated that she was a good person, she loved this city very much and will be missed.

Chairman Hendrix also gave remarks regarding the public comments made by several members from the local union, who came before the Board and spoke passionately about what is going on with the negotiations of their contract. Chairman Hendrix stated the Board is no place to negotiate contracts and that there are people at the appropriate level to do that, but there were some recurring things that were said having to do with medical deductibles and co-pays, salaries below market rate, and the comparison of many of these employees and union members and how they stack up with their counterparts in Oakland and Macomb Counties. Chairman Hendrix stated he is not sure what kind of comparison they're making, but he would like, at some point when it's appropriate, to hear how things are being handled and negotiated with the various bargaining unions within the Authority; the comparisons they seem to be making with positions of their counterparts in other areas throughout the region; and also being asked to train people coming in being paid more than them.

B. Board Members' Remarks

There were no Board Members' remarks.

11. CEO's Report

A. [2018-926](#) **CEO's Report - September, 2018**

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - September 26, 2018 and General Counsel Report.pdf](#)

Before giving the CEO's Report, CEO McCormick acknowledged and thanked Kevin Green (Focus Hope) and the Focus Hope team for hosting this evening's GLWA Board of Directors Community Meeting.

Motion By: Abe Munfakh

Support By: Robert Daddow

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. Other Matters

Randal Brown, General Counsel, stated that today we received a decision from the Federal Court in the City of Highland Park v the Environmental Protection Agency et al, which included Great Lakes Water Authority and also named our CEO (Sue McCormick) as a defendant. Today we received an Order granting our Motion to Dismiss those actions, which is a positive ruling for the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Director Daddow stated that he had sent Ms. McCormick four items that he would

like the Board to receive updates on the Agenda at the next Board Meeting (October 10, 2018), which are: 1) Arbitration on the 24-inch water main; 2) Reconciliation Committee created by the MOU; 3) Updated Purchasing Policy; and 4) Status of the Wastewater Master Plan.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hendrix adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.