



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

2:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor

Public Hearings on Proposed FY 2019 Schedule of Revenues and Charges and FY 2019 and FY 2020 Biennial Budget Request

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hendrix called the meeting to order at 2:00 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: Craig Hupy

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. [2018-620](#) February 14, 2018 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes.Draft

Attachments: [February 14, 2018 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes](#)

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion to approve the February 14, 2018 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Motion By: Robert Daddow

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Public Hearing

Chairman Hendrix opened the Public Hearings for the Proposed FY 2019 Water and Sewer Service Charges and the Proposed FY 2019 and FY 2020 Biennial Budget at 2:05 p.m.

Chairman Hendrix asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to make comments regarding the FY 2019 Water and Sewer Service Charges, or the FY 2019 and 2020 Biennial Budget.

A. [2018-627](#) Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2019 Water and Sewer Service Charges

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA FY 2019 Charges on 2.28.2018](#)

Public Comment:

Derek Thiel, City of Gibraltar, came before the Board regarding the City of Gibraltar's proposed rate structures for 2019. Mr. Thiel stated that there were two scenarios presented and requested clarification as to why the difference between the two scenarios and why the recommendation for the second scenario over the first scenario.

B. [2018-628](#) Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2019 & FY 2020 Biennial Budget

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [Notice of Public Hearing for GLWA FY 2019 & FY 2020 Biennial Budget 2.28.2018](#)
[Process and Calendar FY 2019 & FY 2020 Biennial Budget to Board 2.28.2018](#)

There were no public comments regarding the Proposed FY 2019 and FY 2020 Biennial Budget.

Chairman Hendrix asked if there was anyone else that would like to make comments regarding the charges or the budget.

Chairman Hendrix stated that the Public Hearings will remain open for written comments and will be continued at a future meeting at the call of the Chair.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Hendrix adjourned today's Public Hearings at 2:12 p.m.

7. Communications

A. [2018-618](#) January 2018 Member Outreach Packet

Indexes: Planning Services

Attachments: [January 2018 Member Outreach Packet](#)

Motion By: Brian Baker

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

B. [2018-626](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [Saulius Simoliunas Public Comment.Feb 28, 2018](#)
[GLWA-Incident-Report-for-14-Mile-Water-Transmission-Main-Break-on-10-23-2017](#)
[City of Dearborn.James E Murray](#)

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

8. Old Business

A. [2018-629](#) Continued Discussion of Proposed GLWA Settlement Policy

Attachments: [Settlement Policy](#)
[GLWA Proposed Settlement Policy.docx](#)

Director Daddow made a motion, supported by Vice Chairman Baker, to amend the proposed policy from \$250,000 for GLWA (Great Lakes Water Authority) action down to \$100,000, and DWSD (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) action down to \$50,000, and that legal invoices be brought to the Legal Committee for review.

Secretary Munfakh made a motion, supported by Director Daddow, to amend the threshold for all settlements, GLWA and DWSD, to \$125,000, and all external legal invoices reviewed by the Legal Committee.

Director Brown made a motion, supported by Director Daddow, to amend the Committee Consideration under DWSD Actions to add two additional bullets: The amount of the alleged liability in existence on or before December 31, 2015; and Whether the alleged liability was transferred to and/or assumed by GLWA, pursuant to Article IV of Regional Sewage Disposal System Lease and/or the Regional Water Supply System Lease.

Chairman Hendrix requested a motion to adopt the Proposed GLWA Settlement Policy as Amended.

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

[2018-652](#) GLWA Settlement Policy

Indexes: General Counsel

Attachments: [GLWA Settlement Policy](#)

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

9. New Business

A. [2018-631](#) WRRF Complex II Fire Remediation Update

Attachments: [Fire Remediation for Board 2-28-18](#)

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

B. [2018-577](#) GLWA-CON-197 Modifications to Incinerator Sludge Feed Systems in Complex II at Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [GLWA-CON-197 RFB Evaluation](#)
[GLWA-CON-197 Checklist](#)

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

The Board will also discuss such other matters.

10. Reports

None

11. Remarks

A. Chairperson's Remarks

There were no Chairperson's remarks.

B. Board Members' Remarks

There were no Board Members' Remarks.

12. CEO's Report

A. [2018-632](#) CEO's Report - February, 2018

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - February 28, 2018 and General Counsel Report](#)

Note: Vice Chairman Baker excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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

13. Other Matters

There were no other matters.

14. Closed Session

A. [2018-630](#) **Closed Session Pending Litigation - DWSD v HIGHLAND PARK, WCCC No. 14-001974-CK; CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK v UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA); et al, USDC Case No. 2:16-cv-13840-SJM-DRG; CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK v CITY OF DETROIT, et al, USDC Case No. 2:167cv-12993-MFL-EAS**

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session at 4:08 p.m., followed by a short recess.

Motion By: Abe Munfakh
Support By: Robert Daddow
Action: Approved
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Hendrix, Secretary Munfakh, Director Brown, Director Daddow, and Director Hupy

Excused: 1 - Vice Chairman Baker

Entered Closed Session at 4:11 p.m.

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion to return from Closed Session

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

Returned from Closed Session at 4:19 p.m.

The only matter discussed was pending litigation pertaining to Highland

Park.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Hendrix requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Robert Daddow

Support By: Craig Hupy

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.