



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

2:00 PM

Water Board Building 5th Floor
and
Zoom Telephonic

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Water Board Building 5th Floor
(subject to available capacity)
and
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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Hendrix called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

Present: 6 - Chairperson Freman Hendrix, Vice-Chairperson Brian Baker, Secretary Mark Miller, Director Gary Brown, Director Jaye Quadrozzi, and Director John J. Zech

3. Consent Matters

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer/Interim General Counsel, requested to withdraw from the Agenda item 3C. iii. (2023-355, Contract No. 2204058, Grounds Maintenance Services).

Mr. Wolfson stated that we have received an untimely bid protest on that item, but it is the practice of this Organization to take a look at that.

Mr. Wolfson stated that the second request comes from the Legal Committee, who is requesting to move from New Business (Items for Discussion), items 9. E. - J. to the 3. C. Consent Matters, and if the Board is willing to do so, those items would then be 3.C. xi. - xvi., to which the Board agreed.

A. Approval of Minutes (Item for Consent)

i. [2023-388](#) **September 27, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

Sponsors: Rechanda Willis

Attachments: [Minutes - September 27, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Communications (Item for Consent)

i. [2023-387](#) **Receipt of Correspondence**

Attachments: [MemberOutreachRequests_July-September2023](#)

[Barry Rubin Public Comment RE Water Affordability Bills.Oct 25, 2023](#)

[GLWA Testimony.Mary Ellen Howard](#)

[Comment to Urge Support for SB 549-554 and HB 5088-5093 at GLWA Board Meeting October 24, 2023](#)

[Water Affordability Bills HB 5088-5093 and SB 549-554](#)

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. New Business (Items for Consent)

i. [2023-353](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3
Contract No. 1901555
Snow Removal and De-Icing Services
O&M**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- ii. [2023-354](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3**
Contract No. 1902702
Furniture, Flooring and Space Design Services
O&M

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- iii. [2023-355](#) **Contract No. 2204058**
Grounds Maintenance Services
O&M

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2204058 Procurement Board Report](#)
[2204058 Cost Tabulation Notice of Respondents](#)
[2204058 Vendor Response Follow-up](#)

NOTE: Item 2023-355 was withdrawn from the Agenda.

- iv. [2023-356](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**
Contract No. 2001488
7 Mile/Nevada Transmission Renewal Project
CIP #122017 / BCE Score: 84.2

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- v. [2023-357](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**
Contract No. 2004825
Construction Manager at Risk for 96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation
CIP #122004 / BCE Score: 65.2

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- vi. [2023-358](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**
Contract No. 2101255
Belle Isle Seawall Rehabilitation
CIP #116005 / BCE Score: 63.4

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

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

- vii. [2023-359](#) **Contract No. 2201316**
Reservoir Rehabilitation Construction Phase II
CIP #170802 / BCE Score: 74.2

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2201316 Procurement Board Report-RFB](#)
[2201316 Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)

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

viii. [2023-360](#) **Contract Nos. 2204731-1 and 2204731-2
As-Needed Pump Repair Services for Water Treatment Plants
O&M**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Attachments: [2204731 Procurement Board Report-RFP](#)
 [2204731 Procurement Report Cost Information](#)
 [2204731 Cost Tabulation - Notice of Respondents](#)

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

ix. [2023-350](#) **Contract No. 2303191
Clarifloc DPA-7-0335
O&M**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [2303191 - Procurement Board Report](#)

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

x. [2023-366](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 2
Contract No. 2003330
HVAC and Odor Control Improvements, Oakwood CSO
CIP #260618/BCE Score: 20.0**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

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

- xi. [2023-371](#) **Easement Agreement between GLWA and Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority, Property Owner of 1741 School Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, Tax Parcel No.: 70-15-24-200-004**
- Motion By: Mark Miller
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- xii. [2023-383](#) **Purchase of 14727 and 14729 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI**
- Sponsors:** William Wolfson
Indexes: General Counsel
- Motion By: Mark Miller
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- xiii. [2023-367](#) **Amendment No. 4 to Legal Services Contract GLWA LS-1905087 (Zausmer P.C.)**
- Sponsors:** William Wolfson
Indexes: Administration & Compliance
- Motion By: Mark Miller
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- xiv. [2023-393](#) **Amendment No. 3 to Legal Services Contract LS-1802970 (Fausone & Grysko)**
- Sponsors:** William Wolfson
Indexes: General Counsel
- Motion By: Mark Miller
Support By: Brian Baker
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

xv. [2023-378](#) **Proposed Agreement Regarding Wastewater Disposal Services
Contract with Southeast Macomb Sanitary District**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

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

xvi. [2023-382](#) **Partial Condemnation Settlement between GLWA and Yates Cider
Mill, LLC, Property Owner of Parcel 8 Vacant Land, Tax ID No.
15-13-477-002, Parcel 9 1880 East Avon Road, Tax ID No.
15-13-477-001, Parcel 10 Vacant East Avon Road, Tax ID No.
15-13-427-003, and Parcel 13 Vacant East Avon Road, Tax ID No.
15-13-276-003**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

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

4. Approval of Agenda

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer/Interim General Counsel, stated that before the Board goes into its first closed session (8. A. 2023-376, Closed Session Request - Pending Litigation - DWSD v Highland Park, WCCC No. 14-001974-CK; GLWA v Highland Park, WCCC No. 20-011589), we ask if the Board would allow GLWA Chief Financial Officer, Nicolette Bateson, to have a brief moment to make a presentation to the Board, which would be following 7. Old Business, and would be item 7.5 Presentation.

Vice-Chairperson Baker stated that GLWA prepared a resolution approving a schedule for partial Member credits using a portion of the State's new money as part of the Highland Park Agreement, which we have on our Agenda today, which is item 9.A., and Vice-Chairperson Baker offered an amendment to the Agenda to add the resolution that the Board has as item 9.B.

Director Brown stated that he is not prepared to vote on the resolution today, and recommended that the Board sends the resolution to the Audit Committee so that it is vetted thoroughly through the Audit Committee and then the Audit Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board at a later date.

A Motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Baker to Amend the Agenda to add the resolution approving a schedule for partial member credits to the Agenda as item 9.B. The motion failed for lack of support.

Chairperson Hendrix asked Director Brown if he would like to make a Motion.

A Motion was made by Director Brown, Supported by Secretary Miller, to refer the proposed resolution regarding use of the proceeds to the Audit Committee for a full review, and a recommendation to the full Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Hendrix requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended with the addition of item 7.5 Presentation.

Motion By: Gary Brown
Support By: Mark Miller
Action: Approved as Amended
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Consent Matters (Items 3A.i., 3B.i., and 3C. i.- ii. and iv. - xvi.)

A motion was made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Baker, to approve the Consent Matters. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Barry Rubin, West Bloomfield resident, came before the Board to ask that the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) pass a resolution urging the state legislature to pass the set of Bills introduced into the House and Senate regarding water affordability, which are Senate Bills 549-554 and House Bills 5088-5093.

Sylvia Orduno, People's Water Board Coalition, came before the Board to request GLWA's support for statewide water affordability legislation.

Roslyn Walker, a District 4 resident and water advocate, addressed the Board regarding the water affordability Bills and asked for GLWA's help with the Bills.

Mary Ellen Howard, a Sister of Mercy, a retired Public Health Nurse, and a member of the People's Water Board, addressed the Board regarding Senate Bills 549-554 and House Bills 5088-5093.

Nicole Hill, a resident of Detroit, addressed the Board regarding water affordability Bills and requested GLWA's support for the water affordability Bills.

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer/Interim General Counsel, provided a response, on behalf of GLWA, to the public comments regarding the Water Affordability Bills.

Director Brown made a Motion, Supported by Director Zech, to direct staff to draft a resolution in support of the water affordability Bills (SB 549-554 and HB 5088-5093). The motion carried unanimously, and the matter was referred to the Legal Committee.

7. Old Business

None

7.5 Presentation

Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer, gave a verbal presentation regarding GLWA's bond rating.

Ms. Bateson stated that Moody's Investor Service, whose press release just came out before this meeting, has upgraded GLWA from the A category to AA category for both our water system and our sewer system bonds.

Chairperson Hendrix, on behalf of the Board, gave thanks and congratulations to the entire team.

8. Closed Session

A. [2023-376](#) **Closed Session Request - Pending Litigation - DWSD v HIGHLAND PARK, WCCC No. 14-001974-CK; GLWA V HIGHLAND PARK, WCCC No. 20-011589-CB**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: Administration & Compliance; General Counsel

Chairperson Hendrix requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session at 2:58 p.m.

Motion By: John J. Zech

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Hendrix, Vice-Chairperson Baker, Secretary Miller, Director Brown, Director Quadrozzi, and Director Zech

Entered Closed Session at 3:01 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 3:40 p.m.

The only matter discussed was Pending Litigation - DWSD v Highland Park, WCCC No. 14-001974-CK; GLWA v Highland Park, WCCC No. 20-011589-CB.

9. New Business (Items for Discussion)

A. [2023-385](#) **Approval of October 18, 2023, Term Sheet between GLWA, the State of Michigan, and Highland Park**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

Attachments: [Fully Executed Term Sheet by HP GLWA and SOM.pdf](#)

Chairperson Hendrix requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote regarding Approval of October 18, 2023, Term Sheet between GLWA, the State of Michigan, and Highland Park.

Motion By: Mark Miller

Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairperson Hendrix, Secretary Miller, Director Brown, Director Quadrozzi, and Director Zech

Nay: 1 - Vice-Chairperson Baker

**B. [2023-369](#) Contract No. 2203638
Engineering Project Management and Inspection Staff
Augmentation
O&M**

Sponsors: Navid Mehram

Indexes: Wastewater Operations

Attachments: [2203638.Procurement Board Report-RFP](#)
[2203638 - Eng Staff Aug - Rates Table \(Bid\)](#)

Motion By: John J. Zech
Support By: Mark Miller
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [2023-379](#) RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: Organizational Development

Attachments: [GLWA Resolution Recognizing National Apprenticeship Week 2023.docx](#)

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

**D. [2023-375](#) Discussion Regarding Proposed Schedule of GLWA Board
Meetings for Calendar Year 2024**

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: Administration & Compliance

Attachments: [Calendar Year 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule wmw](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: John J. Zech
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NOTE: New Business Will Be Continued After Item 14. Closed Session

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

Vice-Chairperson Baker made an inquiry regarding the credit resolution for discussion at Friday's (November 9, 2023) Audit Committee Meeting.

12. CEO's Report

A. [2023-384](#) CEO Report - October 25, 2023

Sponsors: Suzanne Coffey

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - October 25, 2023 and Office of General Counsel Report](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: Mark Miller

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Other Matters

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer/Interim General Counsel, advised the public that the Board may take action following Closed Session (14.A. and 14.B.).

14. Closed Session

A. [2023-377](#) Closed Session Request - Attorney-Client Communication(s)

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: Administration & Compliance; General Counsel

Chairperson Hendrix requested a Motion to enter into Closed Session at 4:15 p.m.

Motion By: John J. Zech

Support By: Brian Baker

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Hendrix, Vice-Chairperson Baker, Secretary Miller, Director Brown, Director Quadrozzi, and Director Zech

B. [2023-380](#) Closed Session Request - Pending Litigation - General Mill Supply Co v GLWA and City of Detroit, WCCC 18-0011569-CZ

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

Motion By: Brian Baker

Support By: Mark Miller

Action: Approved

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chairperson Hendrix, Vice-Chairperson Baker, Secretary Miller, Director Brown, Director Quadrozzi, and Director Zech

Entered Closed Session at 4:17 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 4:38 p.m.

The only matters discussed were Attorney-Client Communications and Pending Litigation - General Mill Supply Co v GLWA and City of Detroit, WCCC 18-0011569-CZ.

9. New Business (Items for Discussion Continued)

K. [2023-386](#) General Mill Supply Co. v Great Lakes Water Authority and City of Detroit, WCCC No. 18-011569

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: General Counsel

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: John J. Zech

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Hendrix adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.