



Great Lakes Water Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Directors

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

2:00 PM

Zoom Telephonic Meeting

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Public Call-In Numbers:

877 853 5247 US Toll-Free; or

888 788 0099 US Toll-Free

Meeting ID: 879 1636 9436

Passcode: 083328

Join Meeting Here:

<https://glwater.zoom.us/j/87916369436?pwd=V2ZxT041bzhMYjZhWlVQVjBNdlhqdz09>

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zech called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

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

Board Members' Zoom Meeting Location:

Chairperson Zech (Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan)

Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi (Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan)

Secretary Hendrix (Estero, Florida)

Director Baker (Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan)

Director Brown (Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan)

Director Walker-Griffea (Newport News, Virginia)

3. Consent Matters

A. Approval of Minutes

i. [2021-286](#) **July 14, 2021 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes.Draft**

Sponsors: Rechanda Willis

Attachments: [July 14, 2021 Board of Directors Workshop Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Communications

i. [2021-284](#) **Receipt of Correspondence**

Attachments: [June 2021 Member Outreach Request Packet](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. New Business (Items for Consent)

i. [2021-271](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3
Contract No. GLWA-CS-090A
Instrumentation & SCADA Systems Service
O&M**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Water Operations

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ii. [2021-272](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1
Contract No. 1903312
14 Mile Transmission Loop Project - Phase I
CIP# 122013 / BCE Score: 58.4**

Sponsors: Cheryl Porter and Grant Gartrell

Indexes: Water Operations

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- iii. [2021-273](#) **Proposed Change Order No. 1**
Contract No. 1900134
Springwells Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pump Suction Gate Replacement
CIP# 114002 / BCE Score: 69.2
- Sponsors:** Cheryl Porter and Grant Gartrell
- Indexes:** Water Operations
- Motion By:** Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- iv. [2021-274](#) **Contract No. 2004549**
Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant - Flocculation Improvements
CIP# 111012 / BCE Score: 72.0
- Sponsors:** Cheryl Porter and Grant Gartrell
- Indexes:** Water Operations
- Attachments:** [2004549 Procurement Report](#)
[2004549 Cost Tabulation](#)
- Motion By:** Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- v. [2021-275](#) **Proposed Amendment No. 3**
Contract No. SCO-1134
Ovation EDS Upgrade and Update
- Sponsors:** Navid Mehram
- Indexes:** Wastewater Operations
- Motion By:** Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffa
Action: Approved
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

vi. [2021-253](#) **Information Technology Shared Services Agreements**

Sponsors: Jeffrey Small and Randal Brown

Indexes: Administration & Compliance; Information Technology

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

vii. [2021-306](#) **Update: State Revolving Fund Loans 7461-02 and 7484-01 Rate and Terms**

Sponsors: Nicolette Bateson

Indexes: Finance

Attachments: [2 - TFG - SRF Loan Terms 072222](#)

[3 - PFM - GLWA SRF Loan 7484-01 Amortization Memo](#)

[3 - PFM - Proposed Final Options Summary Sheet GLWA DWRF 7.21.2021](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea

Action: Received and Filed

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Agenda

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, stated that there are two additional items to add to the Agenda at the end of 8. New Business, which are the approval of the contracts for the Board's attorney for the independent investigation and the engineering firms.

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended.

Motion By: Brian Baker

Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Action: Approved as Amended

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Approval of Consent Matters (Items 3Ai, 3Bi., and 3C. i. - vii.)

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to approve the Consent Matters (3A.i., 3B.i., and 3C. i. - vii.)

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi, seconded by Director Walker-Griffea, to approve the Consent Matters. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Caller at telephone number XXX-XXX-8973 addressed the Board regarding the GLWA Board and recent flooding events.

Rod Meloni from Channel 4 addressed the Board regarding an understanding to the events leading up to the flooding as it pertains to the Freud Street Pumping Station, the power being out, why the information about that was not brought up the chain of command, and what is going to change in the future as a result of that.

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, responded that there will be a further discussion of those events, and as the Board and the public is aware, there's both an internal after action investigation going on, as well as the Board's independent investigation, and those are issues to be addressed in both of those investigations.

Jim Kiertzner from Channel 7 News, addressed the Board regarding standing requests for a walk through of the Freud and Conner Creek pumping stations; a standing request for an interview; and the meeting link for the 1:00 p.m. Legal meeting that was not provided to the public until he inquired.

Chairperson Zech responded that the Board is very much interested in total transparency and communicating with the media, and the issues you (Mr. Kiertzner) raised will be looked at.

M.L. Elrick addressed the Board regarding basement flooding and providing backflow preventers and sump pumps to residents in the Conner Creek area, and to look at more immediate solutions and green alternatives.

Chairperson Zech responded that backflow preventers and sump pumps are very definitely an option, and we're looking at all of those particular items, which you will hear more about later on this agenda.

Justin R. addressed the Board regarding maintenance, planning, transparency, and installation of green storm infrastructure.

Tyler Betthausser addressed the Board regarding damages as a result of basement flooding, accountability and data being made public.

William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, read public comments submitted by Richard Bosler and Cindy Darrah, which are attached under item 7A. Communications, to be received and filed by the Board.

7. Communications

A. [2021-285](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [C.Darrah Public Comment.July 28, 2021](#)

[Failure of GLWA to Protect Residents, Businesses & the Community](#)

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Freman Hendrix
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [2021-314](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [CEO Sue McCormick Resignation](#)

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Receive, File and Accept the resignation of CEO Sue McCormick.

Motion By: Brian Baker
Support By: Freman Hendrix
Action: Received, Filed and Accepted
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. Old Business**A. [2021-308](#) Continued Discussion Regarding June 25 and 26, 2021 Rain Event**

Sponsors: Sue F. McCormick, Randal Brown, Navid Mehran and Cheryl Porter

Indexes: Office of the Executive; General Counsel; Wastewater Operations; Water Operations

Attachments: [Update on June 25 and 26 Rain Events](#)

No Action Taken

B. [2021-310](#) Continued Discussion Regarding Reconstitution

Sponsors: William Wolfson

Indexes: Administration & Compliance

Attachments: [GLWA Resolution 2021-310 July Reconstitution](#)

Vice-Chairperson Quadrozzi made a Motion, Supported by Director Baker, to accept staff's recommendation to continue to meet virtually through the Month of August; direct staff to consider the location that we could meet where we would be safe for a September Board Meeting, if we were to choose to; and advise of any associated costs, subject to discussion and vote next month.

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

9. New Business (Item for Discussion)**A. [2021-288](#) Easement Agreement between GLWA and International Transmission Company****Motion By: Beverly Walker-Griffea****Support By: Freman Hendrix****Action: Approved****The motion carried by a unanimous vote.****B. [2021-322](#) Legal Services Contract with Collins & Collins Law, PC (Board Investigation into June 25-26 and July 16, 2021 rain events)****Sponsors:** Randal Brown**Indexes:** General Counsel**Motion By: Gary Brown****Support By: Jaye Quadrozzi****Action: Approved****The motion carried by a unanimous vote.****C. [2021-328](#) Engineering Services Contract with AECOM Great Lakes, Inc (Board Investigation into June 25-26 and July 16, 2021 rain events)****Sponsors:** Randal Brown**Indexes:** General Counsel**Motion By: Brian Baker****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**

Chairperson Zech stated that he was notified today by Michelle (GLWA Chief Public Affairs Officer) that Channel 7, Dave LewAllen, would like to interview the Chairman of the Board tonight at 7:00 via Zoom, which he has accepted.

B. Board Members' Remarks

Director Hendrix requested that the appropriate links are available to anyone who would like to attend all Committee and Board meetings, and are also able to give public comments, to which William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, responded that committee meetings will be switched to the Zoom platform, and public comments will be added to all committee meeting agendas.

Director Baker gave a reminder to send the American Rescue Plan state funding to the Board.

Director Brown requested that at some point, the Board finds a way to acknowledge all of the accomplishments that have been made by GLWA under CEO McCormick's leadership.

12. CEO's Report

A. [2021-287](#) CEO Report - July, 2021

Sponsors: Sue F. McCormick

Indexes: Office of the Executive

Attachments: [CEO Report - July 2021](#)

Motion By: Gary Brown
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Action: Received and Filed
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. Other Matters

A discussion took place regarding next steps for the transition.

14. Closed Session

A. [2021-307](#) Closed Session Request- Attorney Client Communications

Sponsors: Randal Brown

Indexes: General Counsel

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion and Roll Call Vote to enter into Closed Session at 4:57 p.m., followed by a short recess.

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi
Support By: Beverly Walker-Griffea
Action: Approved
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Entered Closed Session at 5:14 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

The only matters discussed were attorney-client communications.

15. Adjournment

Chairperson Zech requested a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion By: Jaye Quadrozzi

Support By: Gary Brown

Action: Approved

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.