

## Legislation Text

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### **Proposed Agreement Regarding Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System with County of Wayne**

**Agenda of:** January 9, 2019  
**Item No.:** **2018-1087**  
**Amount:** Revenue Contract

**TO:** The Honorable  
Board of Directors  
Great Lakes Water Authority

**FROM:** Sue F. McCormick  
Chief Executive Officer  
Great Lakes Water Authority

**DATE:** January 2, 2019

**RE: Proposed Agreement Regarding Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System with County of Wayne**

### MOTION

Upon recommendation of Randal Brown, General Counsel, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Great Lakes Water Authority ("GLWA"), **authorizes the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to execute the Agreement Regarding Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System with County of Wayne;** and authorizes the CEO to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

### **BACKGROUND**

Wayne County ("County") receives sewage disposal services from GLWA for its Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System ("RVSDS"), which relationship has been governed by a contract dated August 15, 1961, as amended (collectively, the "1961 Contract"), which expired on August 14, 2011. The parties have continued to govern their relationship as though the 1961 Contract was still in full force and effect.

The 1961 Contract requires the County to install and maintain all sewage meters and to replace or repair any meter found to be inaccurate. At some point in time, DWSD took over the operation, maintenance and repair of the County's sewage flow meters referred to as WC-S-1, WC-S-2, and WC-S-3 (collectively, the "Meters"). It is to the collective benefit of the parties to ensure the accuracy of the Meters.

The parties have engaged in good faith negotiations on the terms of a new wastewater disposal services contract to replace the 1961 Contract which contract would, as applicable, address the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and/or relocation of the Meters. The parties seek to extend *nunc pro tunc* the 1961 Contract terms and conditions from August 14, 2011, to July 1, 2021, as though it had never expired. It is the intent of the parties to complete negotiations on a new contract to replace the 1961 Contract by July 1, 2021.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for: (i) the extension of the 1961 Contract, (ii) amendments to the RVSDS service area, and (iii) the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and/or relocation of the Meters, as applicable, by and at the expense of GLWA in accordance with its charge-making policies, notwithstanding the provisions of the 1961 Contract and otherwise subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

In the event a new wastewater disposal services contract between the parties is not executed on or before July 1, 2021, all costs incurred by GLWA related to the replacement and/or relocation of the meters will be charged back to the County in full via the County's monthly GLWA wastewater bill. The County will reimburse GLWA in full within 180 days of any charge-back; reimbursement may be made in up to six (6) equal installments.

Exhibits A and B, the amended service area maps, are not attached for homeland security reasons. Exhibit C, a copy of the 1961 Contract and its three amendments, is not attached for space considerations (48 pages) but can be provided upon request.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

Approval of this Agreement provides a mutually beneficial framework for future interactions between GLWA and the County; extends the term of the 1961 Contract until July 1, 2021; updates the service area to reflect current boundaries and infrastructure; and addresses, to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, the replacement and/or relocation of the Meters.

### **FINANCIAL PLAN IMPACT**

**Summary:** The project expenses is budgeted under the existing PCI Contract GLWA-CON-179: Task 6 in the amount of \$200,000.00 for FY 2019

**Funding Source:** Sewer Construction Bond  
CIP 260400: Sewage Meter Design, Installation, and Replacement

**Cost Center:** Wastewater Engineering

**Expense Type:** Construction Engineering Services (5421-892211.000-616900-260400)

### **COMMITTEE REVIEW**

This item is being presented directly to the full Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

**SHARED SERVICES IMPACT**

This item does not impact the shared services agreement between GLWA and DWSD.