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2	FY 2024 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) PROJECTS		
3	PROPOSED FY 2024 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECTS		
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8	The Public Hearing,		
9	Taken via Remote,		
10	Commencing at 2:00 p.m.,		
11	Wednesday, April 26, 2023,		
12	Before Rhonda M. Foster, CRR, RMR, RPR, CSR-3612.		
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14	Court reporter, attorneys and witness appearing remotely		
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1	APPEARANCES:

- 2 Chairperson Hendrix
- 3 Vice Chairperson Baker
- 4 Director Miller
- 5 Director Quadrozzi
- 6 Director Zech
- 7 Andrew Sutherland, HDR
- 8 Nicholas Fedewa

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- 1 Remote deposition
- 2 Wednesday, April 26, 2023
- 3 About 2:00 p.m.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: It is 2:00 p.m.
- 5 All right. We will call to order the Great Lakes
- 6 Water Authority meeting of Wednesday, April 26, 2023. It is
- 7 2:00.
- 8 Roll call, please.
- 9 MS. WILLIS: Chairperson Hendrix?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Here.
- 11 MS. WILLIS: Vice Chairperson Baker?
- 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON BAKER: Here.
- MS. WILLIS: Director Miller?
- 14 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
- MS. WILLIS: Director Quadrozzi?
- 16 DIRECTOR QUADROZZI: Here.
- 17 MS. WILLIS: Director Zech.
- 18 DIRECTOR ZECH: Here.
- 19 MS. WILLIS: And Director Brown is excused from
- 20 today's meeting.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Thank you.
- Consent matters. At today's meeting, the Board will
- 23 be using a consent agenda format.
- If there is any board member who sees an item in
- 25 Sections 3A, B or C, and they wish to discuss, please indicate



- 1 that now. And we will move it on our agenda for a discussion
- 2 item.
- 3 Anyone?
- 4 All right. Mr. Wolfson.
- 5 MR. WOLFSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 6 William Wolfson, Chief Administrator Compliance
- 7 Officer.
- 8 We do have a couple, one correction to a scrivener's
- 9 error on your agenda.
- 10 Under the Consent Matters at the bottom of page 3,
- 11 Resolution 2023-136, should be item number 7, Roman numeral 7,
- 12 as opposed to Roman numeral 6.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Okay.
- MR. WOLFSON: Mr. Chairman, today the Legal
- 15 Committee took up a resolution. It is a cost-sharing
- 16 agreement with the Macomb Interceptor with OMIDDD,
- 17 Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drainage District. And that
- 18 resolution is at your place.
- 19 The Legal Committee unanimously recommended that it
- 20 be placed on the Consent Calendar for this agenda.
- So if the members are willing, we would ask you to
- 22 do that. And that resolution would take four votes.
- And then the third item, Mr. Chairman, is that we
- 24 would like to advance under the orders of the day item 15A,
- 25 which is a closed session relative to litigation with Highland



- 1 Park, Michigan.
- 2 And we would like the board to go into closed
- 3 session after item 8, the Public Hearing, and before item 9,
- 4 the Old Business.
- 5 And so with that, I think the first question is are
- 6 there any objections to moving the cost-sharing agreement on
- 7 to the Consent Agenda, Mr. Chairman?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: That's the question for the
- 9 board.
- 10 Any objections?
- Hearing none.
- MR. WOLFSON: Then Mr. Chairman, if you are ready, a
- 13 motion to adopt the agenda as modified by my remarks would be
- 14 in order.
- 15 (Motion made).
- 16 (Motion supported).
- 17 MR. WOLFSON: Moved and supported.
- 18 All in favor.
- 19 (Motion carried).
- MR. WOLFSON: That motion passes.
- Is there a motion to support and approve the Consent
- 22 Agenda?
- 23 (Motion made).
- 24 (Motion supported).
- MR. WOLFSON: Moved and supported.



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- 1 All in favor?
- 2 That motion passes, and without objection.
- 3 (Motion carried).
- 4 MR. WOLFSON: Public comment portion of the agenda,
- 5 which is where we are right now.
- 6 For the benefit of the public, I have got a little
- 7 narrative here I am going to read off, so you bear with me,
- 8 please.
- 9 The public should be aware that in addition to the
- 10 opportunity for public comments that is a part of our agendas,
- 11 today we will hold a public hearing on our Proposed FY 2024
- 12 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project plans.
- If a member of the public wants to raise an issue
- 14 for consideration regarding the Proposed FY 2024 Clean Water
- 15 State Revolving Fund Project plans, please raise that issue as
- 16 a part of the public hearing, and not during the general
- 17 public comments portion of the agenda.
- 18 It is not necessary to repeat your comments at both
- 19 opportunities. When the public hearings on the proposed FY
- 20 2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project's plans are
- 21 called, a member of the public who is physically present at
- 22 the meeting and wishes to participate in the hearing may do so
- 23 by approaching the podium.
- 24 A member of the public who is present at the meeting
- 25 via Zoom and wishes to participate in the public hearing may



- 1 do so by raising their hand with the program's icon, or by
- 2 pressing star 9 on their phone.
- 3 And finally, written comments submitted by members
- 4 of the public will be read into the record of the public
- 5 hearing. Each member of the public who wishes to participate
- 6 will be given up to three minutes to address the Board.
- 7 Bill, I am going to leave that next one to you.
- 8 Public hearing.
- 9 MR. HENDRIX: I'll do it.
- This is the opportunity for the public to comment on
- 11 GLWA FY 2024 VFD replacement CWSRF Program Project Submittal.
- 12 If any member of the public wishes to comment, they will have
- 13 three minutes to address this board.
- We will start by recognizing our CFO Treasurer
- 15 Nicolette Bateson, who will also provide a brief overview and
- 16 then recognize members of the public who wish to speak to this
- 17 project.
- 18 MR. WOLFSON: And that is when we call public
- 19 hearing, Mr. Chairman. So at this point we are on general
- 20 public comment. And so if you would open, ask for.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Public comment.
- MR. WOLFSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 23 Unfortunately someone is struggling.
- And so, Mr. Chairman, I see no one at the podium. I
- 25 see no hands up on the electronics.



- 1 So a second call for public comment would be in
- 2 order.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Call for public comment.
- 4 Anyone for public comment, either in the room or via Zoom?
- 5 MR. WOLFSON: And, again, Mr. Chairman, I see no
- 6 hands up. I see no one in the room at the podium.
- 7 So it would be appropriate for a third and final
- 8 call in closing public comment at this time.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Final call for public comment
- 10 for anybody in the room or via Zoom.
- 11 MR. WOLFSON: There are none, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: All right. Thank you very
- 13 much. That closes that portion of the agenda.
- 14 Next item on the agenda is Communications.
- 15 Anything for Communications?
- MR. WOLFSON: Mr. Chairman, this is the opportunity
- 17 for those communications that might be received as a part of
- 18 public comment. There were none. So this item can be passed.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: All right. So now we move on
- 20 to the public hearing, for which I gave this long drawn out
- 21 diatribe.
- Do I need to repeat that? Or am I good?
- MR. WOLFSON: No, Mr. Chairman. I thought your
- 24 eloquent remarks were duly noted for those that are there.
- 25 And if you are ready, Ms. Bateson is at the podium.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Nicolette Bateson, we welcome
- 2 your presentation at this time.
- 3 MS. BATESON: Thank you. And I do want to note for
- 4 this project, Chris Wolfson, who is our Manager of Special
- 5 Projects, Wastewater Operating Services, is our project lead
- 6 for this effort.
- 7 And speaking today is our consulting engineer, who
- 8 is going to walk us through an overview of this project,
- 9 Andrew Sutherland, from HDR.
- 10 So Andrew, confirming that you are on the line and
- 11 ready to begin.
- MR. SUTHERLAND: I am. Thank you.
- 13 MS. BATESON: All right. Thank you.
- 14 Please proceed.
- MR. SUTHERLAND: Nick, were you going to do an
- 16 intro?
- 17 MR. FEDEWA: Sure. I can do that.
- MS. BATESON: Yes.
- 19 MR. FEDEWA: So applicants for the Clean Water State
- 20 Revolving Fund Loan program are required to hold a public
- 21 hearing prior to submission of a final project plan to Eagle
- 22 due May 1st.
- 23 GLWA has one new project that will be part of the
- 24 public hearing today. That project is the Pump Station Number
- 25 2 Variable Frequency Drive and Medium Voltage Switch Gear



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- 1 Replacement Project.
- 2. And now I will turn it over to Andrew Sutherland to
- 3 discuss the projects.
- MR. SUTHERLAND: Thanks, Nick. 4
- Go ahead. Okay. As noted here, this is CIP number 5
- 211005.2. The estimated total project costs is 12 million 6
- dollars. 7
- As noted previously, the GLWA contact is Chris 8
- Wolfson. 9
- And, again, this is Andy Sutherland with HDR who is 10
- the design firm. 11
- 12 The overall scope is for replacement of two -- the
- 13 Pump Station 2 variable frequency drives, replacement of
- 14 electrical switch gear within Pump Station 2. And replacement
- 15 of the electrical feeds to the Pump Station system.
- 16 Going to the next slide.
- So in the aerial views seen on the right, the top 17
- aerial is an overhead view of the entire WRRF facility. 18
- 19 And then the lower aerial is a blown-up version of
- the Pump Station number 2 area. 20
- That horseshoe-shaped building is where the pumps 21
- are located. There are eight total pumps; five of which have 22
- variable frequency drives. 23
- 2.4 So this project is for the replacement of the five
- variable frequency drives within that building, as well as the 25



- 1 electrical switch gear, which is located in the Electrical
- 2 Building 13, as noted there, and the electrical feeds running
- 3 from Electrical Building 1, shown on the right, to Electrical
- 4 Building 13.
- 5 The existing VFDs have numerous operating and
- 6 maintenance issues, including component failures, overheating,
- 7 water infiltration, and parts obsolescence, among others.
- 8 Replacing the VFDs will mitigate the existing O and
- 9 M issues and increase system reliability.
- The replacement will also slightly increase system
- 11 capacity as the rewound motor capacity at the higher voltage
- will increase from 900 horsepower to nominally 1,000 horse
- 13 powers.
- 14 All of the equipment is front installed in the early
- 15 '90s, and is over 30 years of operation, which is beyond its
- 16 original design life.
- So, replacing the electrical switch gear at the same
- 18 time as the VFDs provides benefit and savings versus changing
- 19 this equipment out in separate projects.
- Go ahead and advance slide.
- 21 As noted earlier, the estimated cost of the project
- 22 is 12 million dollars, which equates to a total user cost of
- 23 11 cents per household per month.
- The project is scheduled for start late next year,
- 25 2024, with anticipated completion date in the first quarter of



- 1 2026.
- In terms of environmental and social impacts, the
- 3 project area of work is entirely within the existing GLWA
- 4 property footprint. There are no species of concern within
- 5 the project area.
- 6 Letters will be submitted to the Tribal Historic
- 7 Preservation Office as required by the program. However,
- 8 previous submittals for the same project area received no
- 9 response from those groups.
- 10 Thanks for listening.
- 11 With that, I will turn it back over to the Chair.
- 12 MR. WOLFSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 At this point, it will be appropriate to call for
- 14 members of the public who wish to participate.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Are there members of the
- 16 public, either in the room or via Zoom, who would like to make
- 17 public comment?
- 18 If so, you would have three minutes. Please
- 19 indicate coming forward. Or pressing star 9 on your key pad.
- 20 MR. WOLFSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see no one
- 21 in the room, and so hands raised.
- So a second call for public comment.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Anyone for public comment?
- Now would be the time to come forward.
- MR. WOLFSON: And a third and final call,



1	Mr. Chairman.
2	CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: Final call for public comment
3	Anyone in the room or via Zoom?
4	MR. WOLFSON: Mr. Chairman, there are no hands,
5	hands raised, so it would be appropriate to close the public
6	hearing.
7	CHAIRPERSON HENDRIX: All right. So we will close
8	the public hearing portion of the agenda on this item.
9	(Public hearing concluded at 2:13 p.m.)
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