

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
EWEB BOARD ROOM
500 EAST 4TH AVENUE
September 6, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: John Simpson, President; Dick Helgeson, Vice President; John Brown, James Manning, Steve Mital, Commissioners

Absent: None

Guests: Suzanne Adkins, Principal Project Manager; Sue Fahey, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Lawson, General Manager; Jeb Spengler, Senior Vice President, Piper Jaffray & Co.

President Simpson convened the August 2, 2016, Regular Session at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Check

There were no changes to the agenda.

Items from Board Members and General Manager

- Commissioner Brown thanked staff and the General Manager for continuing to assist in cleaning up the transient camps along the McKenzie.
- Commissioner Mital expressed interest in being a part of Eugene's Climate Ordinance Advisory Committee (COAC). He added that he had been working the last several months on a local discount incentive for anyone living in EWEB's service territory wishing to purchase a Nissan Leaf.
- President Simpson encouraged a rapid solution to EWEB's continuing spam email problem.
- Vice President Helgeson recalled that when Eugene previously had sustainability initiatives, EWEB seemed cut out of the process; he added that he thought Commissioner Mital was well qualified to represent the utility. He hoped that the solar incentive program would be broadened to include EWEB customers of all income levels.
- Commissioner Manning shared that he was in favor of a new city hall site on EWEB's riverfront property, and thought that EWEB could support the project. He added that while he thought it a good idea for EWEB to be involved in the Eugene COAC, he felt a staff member and not a Commissioner would be more appropriate to represent EWEB in the COAC. Lastly, in light of the spam email problem, he expressed concern with EWEB's cyber security.
- Mr. Lawson stated that it was his call not to respond to a letter to the editor in the Register Guard which attempted to paint EWEB in an unfavorable light. He reported that the tabletop exercise for dam safety went very well. He said there

was a water outage planned for the Stonewood Drive area on Wednesday, September 7, and that EWEB would be dispatching one of its water dispensary trailers for the 10-hour scheduled outage.

Public Input

There was no public input.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Consent Calendar

MINUTES

- 1.a August 2, 2016 Executive Session
- 1.b August 2, 2016 Regular Session

CONTRACTS

- 2. C-2 Utility Contractors - for Boring Services to support the Water and Electric Utilities. \$1,400,000 (over 5 years). Engineering & Operations, Mel Damewood, 541-685-7145
- 3. WESCO Distribution – for the periodic purchase of Transformer and Secondary Connectors, as needed to replenish stock. \$275,000 (over 5 years). Engineering & Operations, Mel Damewood, 541-685-7145

RESOLUTIONS

- 4. Resolution No. 1619 – Supplemental Retirement Plan, Contact Person is Susan Fahey, 541-685-7688
- 5. Resolution No. 1623 – Western Generation Agency (WGA) Board Appointment, Contact Person is Susan Fahey, 541-685-7688

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Items Removed from Consent Calendar

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Electric Bond Issuance Results

Ms. Fahey presented the Board with a report and slide show on the results of EWEB electric bond issuance.

Mr. Spengler added that he considered the bond issuance very successful, and it drew many investors. He reported to the Board that EWEB now had three separate double-A bond ratings, and as a result, they saved approximately \$2.5 million on the most recent bond issuance.

President Simpson and the Board thanked Sue, Jeb, and the EWEB Finance Department staff for their hard work on the recent bond issuance; President Simpson added that he was very pleased with the bond rating turnaround.

Riverfront Property, Resolution No. 1628

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a presentation on the Riverfront Property, and Resolution No. 1628.

Commissioner Brown wondered what the average of the two appraisals were.

President Simpson moved to approve Resolution 1628.

Commissioner Mital stated that he was in support of the resolution.

Vice President Helgeson stated that he supported the resolution.

Commissioner Brown asked about the timeline for the resolution, and wondered if the resolution as written was being put before the Board for final consideration.

Mr. Lawson answered that he planned on getting the resolution underway in a timely manner as possible, and that he was not seeking final approval from the Board at this time.

The motion put forward above by President Simpson passed unanimously 5-0

Correspondence and Board Agendas

Mr. Lawson listed the items which were handled through correspondence.

Commissioner Brown expressed dismay that, in the past, the Nature Conservancy, because they did not own a legal water right, lost thousands of dollars and thousands of trees they planted during a riparian restoration project. He warned against EWEB getting involved with anything like that without pre-planning.

Commissioner Mital warned against EWEB getting ahead of itself as far as financial commitments were concerned without first gathering information.

Mr. Lawson went over the Board calendar.

He stated that he would like to move the AWS strategic discussion from January to March.

Vice President Helgeson pointed out the scheduled Board meeting in January was slated for the third, and he expressed concern that perhaps people would not be back from holiday trips by that time. Vice President Helgeson suggested moving that particular meeting out an additional week.

The Board agreed, and decided to move the January meeting to January 10.

Board Wrap Up

Commissioner Brown stated that he would like to see staff look into the new banking program in which local banks can invest public funds.

Commissioner Mital spoke in support of the new banking program.

President Simpson said that he also supported it, and he agreed with Commissioner Manning that credit unions as well as banks be included.

Vice President Helgeson also supported the program.

Commissioner Mital offered an AWS committee workshop update.

Commissioner Manning offered his gratitude to EWEB in support of the Vietnam Memorial Wall that will be in Eugene at the end of September.

Vice President Helgeson offered praise for the BRING Home and Garden Tour.

President Simpson adjourned the Regular Session at 6:38 p.m.

Assistant Secretary

President