

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
February 16, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

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**Commissioners Present:** Mindy Schlossberg, President; John Brown, Vice President; John Barofsky, Sonya Carlson, Matt McRae, Commissioners

**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Rachael Chilton, Customer Experience Program Manager; Julie McGaughey, Chief Customer Officer

President Schlossberg called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Check**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda

**Customer Experience Improvement – Demonstration of New Customer Portal**  
Ms. Chilton and Ms. McGaughey offered the Board a demonstration and PowerPoint presentation on the new EWEB customer portal.

Commissioner McRae said he would be interested in knowing if there were any differences via the new portal between residential and commercial customers. He also wondered how far back into their account history a customer could look.

Ms. Chilton said that right now, there was no difference between residential and commercial customers as far as the customer portal experience was concerned, however there would be room for enhancements in the future. She said customers could go back three years using the Payment History and Billing History tabs in the portal, and they were working toward making current bill PDFs (which currently only go back one year) also available three years into the past.

Commissioner Barofsky wanted to make sure water usage, and the respective rate changes from winter to summer usage, was clear on the bill.

Ms. Chilton replied that, although there was not an example of a water usage tier change in the sample bill provided, staff was working to make it clear when a customer enters a different water usage tier.

Commissioner Barofsky wondered if there was anything being done to incentivize customers to take advantage of paperless billing and/or auto-pay.

Ms. Chilton answered that staff had thought about that, but currently, without incentivizing in this manner, 38% of EWEB customers had chosen the paperless billing option, and industry standard is 20-25%.

Commissioner Carlson asked when the new portal launch was planned.

Ms. Chilton said they were aiming for the end of April 2021.

Commissioner Carlson said she noticed there seemed to be several different layouts for the customer bills. She wondered if customers will be able to choose their layout.

Ms. Chilton said there were a couple of different bill presentations, and they were determined by which program(s) the customer was enrolled in.

Commissioner Carlson wondered how Greenpower donations made by customers would present on the new bill.

Ms. Chilton said that would be a line item under the Electric heading on the bill.

Vice President Brown wondered if stormwater charge categories had been reclassified.

Ms. Chilton said the stormwater information on the bill example was just that—an example; she said the aforementioned stormwater classifications were still on customer bills where applicable, and she added that staff have been working on incremental improvements with the City of Eugene to clear up the stormwater portion of the bill.

Vice President Brown offered those EWEB customers—such as himself—who are enrolled in auto-pay, face a cumbersome process at the expiration of the credit card linked to the account, and he wondered if that had been addressed.

Ms. Chilton said it had been made clearer through the new portal when a customer needed to update their payment method or information.

President Schlossberg wondered if the new portal would help EWEB customer service representatives do their job.

Ms. Chilton said it would. She added the clearer layouts on the bill and new portal would enhance the Customer Service Analysts' experiences alongside the customer experience.

Commissioner Carlson asked if there was a way through the new portal to choose when to pay your bill when opting into auto-pay.

Ms. Chilton answered no.

Commissioner Carlson asked if customers enrolled in auto-pay will still receive emails from EWEB, or would all that type of information (newsletters, etc.) now be on the portal exclusively.

Ms. Chilton said auto-pay ratepayers would still receive email correspondence from the utility letting them know their bill was ready, and the customers could elect to receive other email correspondence from EWEB, using the Notifications function on the portal.

Commissioner Barofsky wondered if a ratepayer could link a bank account to their auto-pay billing, or if it would have to be a credit/debit card.

Ms. Chilton said yes, customers could link a checking or savings account.

### **Strategic Plan Review**

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a review and PowerPoint presentation on EWEB's Strategic Plan (SP).

President Schlossberg wondered how the SP came about initially.

Mr. Lawson said the SP began with a dialogue between staff and the Board, and from his own observations of the Board. He added there was a Work Session in the spring that got the ball rolling on the SP itself.

Commissioner Barofsky said he hoped the SP was not a static document. He wondered how long it would be before another dive was taken by the utility back into the SP.

Mr. Lawson agreed, and furthered that this year: 2021, would be a good year to begin the evolution of the SP.

Commissioner McRae wondered about the timeline for exploring and updating the SP.

Mr. Lawson said he wanted to have a new and improved SP by the end of 2021, and there would be a copious amount of policy discussions to that end in the first few quarters of the year.

President Schlossberg asked about the surveys which were done in 2015 and 2019; she wondered if those types of ratepayer surveys were on a schedule.

Mr. Lawson said EWEB had historically done those types of surveys approximately every two years.

President Schlossberg asked the other Commissioners what they thought was most important for the utility.

Vice President Brown asked what she meant by that. He asked if it was meant what was most important for him as an EWEB Commissioner (and ratepayer), or what was most important for his constituents.

President Schlossberg said both.

Commissioner Barofsky said it was too soon for him to answer that question on behalf of his constituents.

President Schlossberg reminded everyone they could answer the question posed to them at their convenience, and they should not feel like they were under any pressure to answer right now.

Commissioner McRae said he relied on community surveys to carry out his duties as an EWEB Commissioner, and he added it would be helpful for him to have a utility goal centered around the carbon intensity of EWEB's generated electricity over the next several decades.

President Schlossberg said she would like to see the utility look at broadband. She did not know whether EWEB was the organization which should be leading the local push for it, but she said she would like to explore broadband, and EWEB's part in it locally.

Mr. Lawson said there might exist the possibility for the Board to meet in person at the Roosevelt Operations Center (ROC) for the April meeting. He added the public and staff would still be following the meeting remotely, but the capacity of the space at the ROC would allow the Commissioners to attend in person, with social distancing and masks, if they so desired.

### **Board Wrap-Up**

President Schlossberg announced a short Board retreat would be taking place on Monday, February 22, 2021.

President Schlossberg adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

*Recorded by Rodney Cimburke*

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Assistant Secretary

President

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION**  
**March 2, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**

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**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Sarah Gorsegner, Purchasing & Warehouse Supervisor; Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer; Simrat Khalsa, Strategic Program Manager; Jason Heuser, Public Policy & Government Affairs Program Manager; Rod Price, Chief Engineering and Operations Officer; Adam Rue, Fiscal Services Supervisor; Ben Sachdeva, Financial Analyst

President Schlossberg called the Regular Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Check**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda

**Items from Board Members and General Manager**

Commissioner Barofsky thanked President Schlossberg for putting together last week's Work Session.

Vice President Brown, citing the Pacific Gas Board members who are being sued because of the fires in California, wondered if Mr. Lawson could give the Board a refresher on their liability as Board members.

Mr. Lawson said he would follow up with Vice President Brown on the liability issue. He added that he did ask EWEB legal counsel for an update on Board member and executive liability associated with actions of the utility about three months ago, so he had a lot of fresh information on the subject.

President Schlossberg reported that she, Mr. Lawson, and Commissioner McRae met with the City of Eugene a couple of weeks ago for a quarterly check-in. President Schlossberg recognized EWEB employee Donny McGlasson, who had rescued two people who had fallen into the Walterville Canal and could not get out on their own.

## **Public Input via Telephone/Public Input Reading**

**David Hausam**, of Eugene offered that he and his family supported the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard safe municipal water storage project, and he was glad to hear there was engagement by the utility with local partners on a possible oak and pine savannah restoration project.

**Stephen Anderson**, of Eugene expressed concern about EWEB considering cutting 260 trees for the first tank of the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard project. He said he did not believe the surveys done by EWEB on the site were completely honest, in that they did not accurately take into consideration the ecological and community effects of the siting of the first tank.

**Sandra Bishop**, of Eugene addressed the Board about the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard reservoir project. She said she did not understand why there was such a push from the utility to clear all the trees off of the eastern end of the property. Ms. Bishop said the trees in question were old-growth, and she wanted Commissioners to look at carbon sequestration as it pertained to the old trees in question.

**Jim Neu**, of Eugene reported Oregon State's Climate Impacts Research Consortium was quoted in the City of Eugene's Climate Action Plan 2.0, stating that by 2050, the Cascades will have no snowpack. He offered that a more diversified power portfolio would make sourcing more resilient. Mr. Neu urged EWEB to work with the city, county, and other local stakeholders toward locally-sourced, diversified energy.

**Dylan Plummer** of Eugene, and representing Cascadia Wildlands, asked EWEB to take measures to completely eliminate fossil fuels from its energy portfolio. He offered that it was of upmost importance to transition to clean, renewable energy through investments in local renewable energy projects, as soon as possible.

**Joe Harwood for James Porter**, of Eugene, asked EWEB to consider placing the first tank of the E 40<sup>th</sup> Street water storage tank complex in the middle of the property instead of the east end, to save as many old trees as possible.

Commissioner Carlson said it was her understanding the reason there had been no clear direction yet given for the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard project, was the engineers and EWEB staff were still working on it. In response to Mr. Neu and Mr. Plummer's testimony, she said the utility was focused on climate change, and there were a number of large contracts coming up, including the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and market energy purchases.

Commissioner McRae said he was very much looking forward to learning more about the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard project on an upcoming site visit. He said he was in agreement with the public testimony; there is an opportunity with regard to climate action. He posited EWEB would be having conversations and he believed the Board would take steps that will chart a path to bring our community closer to a target of independence from fossil fuels.

Mr. Lawson asserted that EWEB staff had been incredibly transparent with the E. 40<sup>th</sup> and Hilyard community. He said he had asked staff to evaluate whether it would be better to put both tanks in at the same time, rather than disrupting the area with construction twice, and he said that conversation would be brought to the Board. Finally, Mr. Lawson said he would like to get together with the Board—possibly at a Work Session—to discuss where he sees renewable energy in the northwest, and in the western region.

### **Approval of Consent Calendar – A MINUTES AND ROUTINE CONTRACTS**

#### **MINUTES**

##### **1. February 2, 2021 Regular Session**

#### **CONTRACTS**

**2. The Saunders Company, Inc.** - for Phase II of the 42" transmission main extension on the University of Oregon's riverfront property between Riverfront Parkway and East 8th Avenue. \$2,200,000 based on a formal invitation to bid.

***Commissioner Carlson moved to approve Consent Calendar – A without Item 2. The motion passed unanimously 5:0.***

Vice President Brown asked why EWEB had to pay for the expansion of the transmission main on the University's riverfront property, when System Development Charges (SDCs) are designed for capacity extensions.

Mr. Price said they were extending the transmission main in an effort to bolster resiliency.

Mr. Lawson said this was more of a resiliency project than a capacity project, so SDCs related to capacity did not apply.

***Vice President Brown moved to approve Consent Calendar – A, Item 2. The motion passed unanimously 5:0.***

### **Approval of Consent Calendar – B NON-ROUTINE CONTRACTS AND OTHER CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **CONTRACTS**

**3. Northwest Youth Corps** - for required vegetation maintenance services. \$500,000 over five years based on a direct negotiation.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**4. Resolution No. 2109 - Customer Service Policy Update - AMI policy updates to support deployment.**

## **5. Resolution No. 2110 - Western Generation Agency (WGA) Board Appointment.**

***Vice President Brown moved to approve Consent Calendar – B without Item 3. The motion passed unanimously 5:0.***

Commissioner Barofsky asked if the Northwest Youth Corps' (NYC) work being done upriver as part of the restoration project was a separate contract from the one on the consent calendar.

Ms. Gorsegner said EWEB had an ongoing, as-needed contract with the NYC, and the contract in question involved both the ongoing, as-needed work, and the restoration work being done upriver.

***Commissioner Barofsky moved to approve Consent Calendar – B, Item 3. The motion passed unanimously 5:0***

## **Resolution No. 2105 - Water O&M Budget Amendment and Resolution No. 2106 - Watershed Recovery Fee**

Ms. Hart, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Sachdeva offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation on Resolution No. 2105, and Resolution No. 2106.

Vice President Brown asked about equitability; he wondered how EWEB could make sure the water district's customers supplied by EWEB were paying the same rate and that everyone who is benefitting from the watershed recovery effort is paying for it.

Mr. Rue said EWEB has specific contracts with those wholesale customers and has been working with them. The water districts are looking to mimic EWEB's \$3 surcharge per residential customer at the 1" meter size, so all ratepayers in the area—no matter who their actual water provider is—are paying the same amount. EWEB's cost of service methodology will ensure EWEB recovers costs equitably from its contract customers. Staff will bring wholesale customer prices to the Board before making adjustments.

Vice President Brown wondered if the surcharges collected from the ratepayers in the other water districts was part of the revenue projection in the presentation.

Mr. Rue said the aforementioned surcharge revenue was included in the revenue projection.

Commissioner Barofsky asked if there was a tracking mechanism to track how the funds collected from surcharges was spent, to inform the Board and EWEB ratepayers.

Ms. Hart said there was a tracking mechanism in place, and the surcharge monies were only being used for upriver restoration. She added staff could report the findings of said

mechanism back to the Board at a frequency that makes the most sense, perhaps included in the quarterly report.

Commissioner Carlson wondered what the strategic projects scheduled for 2023 were, and why they created an \$8 million cost increase from 2022.

Mr. Lawson offered the fee itself was covering mostly (if not fully) risk-based and resiliency work.

Commissioner Carlson questioned whether or not the utility should vote on a fee increase with only one meeting. She posited it would be better to stretch it out at least another month, to give the Board, and the public, more time to digest information on the subject, and to reach a decision.

Commissioner McRae asked what low-income programs EWEB currently had in place, and he wondered if those programs would remain in place to help ratepayers who might not otherwise be able to afford the fee increase.

Ms. Hart offered that currently, EWEB was offering \$260 once a year to qualifying ratepayers toward their utilities. She added EWEB was working with Customer Solutions to see if there is an opportunity to potentially offset the fee increase for impacted, qualifying households.

Commissioner McRae wondered if the utility could simply waive the fee increase for those households which qualify for low-income assistance.

Mr. Lawson said it would be more advantageous to keep the fee, and provide extra customer care dollars than it would be to waive the fee.

Commissioner McRae said he was in support of administrative action that would make sure the fee increase was not added to the bills of ratepayers already qualifying for low-income assistance.

Mr. Lawson said EWEB staff could have something like that in place before the fee increase goes into effect.

Commissioner Carlson wondered if there were any larger-metered buildings (such as an apartment complex), that would be paying more in the fee increase than smaller meters on single-family properties.

Mr. Rue offered the property owner or landlord of larger-metered properties would be the one paying the utility bill, so single households would not see an exorbitant fee increase, since those were typically 1" meters.

***Vice President Brown moved to adopt Resolutions 2105 and 2106. The motion passed unanimously 5:0.***

## **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program Background and Update**

Mr. Price and Ms. Khalsa offered the Board a background report, an update, and a PowerPoint presentation on EWEB's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program

Commissioner Brown offered that half of the block on which he lives has smart meters, and the other half of the block does not; he wondered why smart meters would only be installed on half a block instead of the whole thing.

Mr. Price offered that it was done by predetermined routes, and that he would have to look into AMI installation records to see exactly what was happening on any particular block in the city.

Commissioner Barofsky noted the increase in the AMI project budget from the beginning of 2018 to now, and he wondered if the budget for the project will continue to rise in the future.

Ms. Khalsa said staff was creating more detailed project budget projections through the end of 2023; she added that she did not foresee any large unknown variables in the present or the future of the project which would cause the budget to skyrocket.

Mr. Price declared that the upriver community was not included in this project's budget.

### **Break**

President Schlossberg called for a break at 6:58 pm. She resumed the meeting at 7:05 pm.

## **State of the Utility Address and 2020 Year-End Strategic and Operational Report**

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a State of the Utility Address, and a 2020 Year-End Strategic and Operational Report, with a PowerPoint presentation.

Vice President Brown wondered why EWEB was spending large sums of money on its school programs, if school was not in session due to COVID.

Mr. Lawson replied staff had done outreach around this topic, and he and staff could gather information and get back to the Board as a whole about it.

Commissioner McRae thanked Mr. Lawson and EWEB staff for their work during the COVID pandemic and the Holiday Farm fire. He offered that for the utility to come out of the other side of crises such as those intact and still operational, was very impressive.

Commissioner Barofsky thanked all those involved with the day-to-day operations of the utility; he was especially thankful for the utility's poise and perseverance through the COVID pandemic and in its response to the Holiday Farm fire. He said he did not agree with CILT dollars being put into the Community Involvement category.

Mr. Lawson explained that CILT dollars were included in Community Involvement because, although the State of Oregon required EWEB pay 3% to the City of Eugene, the utility pays 6%, and that money circulates back into the community.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a report on this month's Correspondence.

Commissioner Barofsky asked if there were any updates on the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) legislation.

Mr. Heuser offered that although DOGAMI had an outpouring of support from Oregon residents, it was uncertain how DOGAMI would be funded.

### **Future Board Agendas**

#### **a. Upcoming McKenzie Valley Meeting**

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a brief report on the upcoming McKenzie Valley meeting.

Commissioner Carlson said she was unwilling to participate in an in-person, indoor event at this time due to COVID. She said she wanted to participate in a digital event, but she wondered if it would make more sense to hold the McKenzie Valley meeting later in the year to give the upriver community more time for recovery efforts.

Vice President Brown said, while he did not mind meeting in person, he understood and respected the positions of his colleagues on the matter. He asked if anyone knew if the upriver community had Internet service currently.

Mr. Lawson said, as far as he knew, there was Internet service in the area, albeit spotty. He said he would discuss the topic further with staff and get back to the Board.

Commissioner Barofsky said he was hesitant to push the meeting out any further, because—due to the Holiday Farm fire—they were not able to meet upriver last year, and it has been more than a year since such a meeting. He also pointed to future agendas, which had many items concerning the upriver area, and he questioned whether or not decisions should be made about the upriver area, without that community's input.

President Schlossberg posited that it would be advantageous to have an in-person meeting, given the challenges surrounding Internet service in the area.

Commissioner Carlson offered that, in the absence of access to vaccinations, she would be willing to personally attend an upriver meeting only if it were held outdoors.

President Schlossberg wondered if the wildfire mitigation discussion could be scheduled during a Work Session.

Mr. Lawson said it was certainly possible.

## **Board Wrap-Up**

Commissioner McRae suggested a future agenda item concerning carbon targets for the electric side of the utility.

Vice President Brown pointed out that in the past, before anything was added to any agenda, Board consensus was sought, and although he was sure the Board would okay Commissioner McRae's request, he pointed this out for the sake of consistency.

President Schlossberg adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

*Recorded by Rodney Cimburke*

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Assistant Secretary

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President

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a contract with **Black & Veatch Corporation** for engineering services replacement of the switchgear at the EWEB-owned steam turbine generator system at the International Paper mill in Springfield.

Board Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

Project Name/Contract #: IP TG Unit 4 Switchgear Replacement / 21-011-Q

Primary Contact: Rod Price              Ext. 7122

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$350,000

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$ 0.0

Invoices over last approval: \$ 0.0

Percentage over last approval: 0 %

Amount this Request: \$350,000

**Resulting Cumulative Total:** \$350,000

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal Request for Proposals – QBS Process

If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A

Term of Agreement: Approximately 2 years

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases “as needed” for the life of the Contract Yes  No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 3

Selection Basis: Qualification Based Selection (QBS process)

Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The IP steam turbine generation system was constructed in 1976 and the majority of system components are original. Many components are approaching the end of their useful service life and require replacement or upgrading, including the switchgear. The planned improvements will modernize the equipment and allow for safer and more reliable operation of the generating unit for the foreseeable future.

### Contracted Goods or Services

To implement the needed capital improvement program, EWEB requires consulting engineering services to support the procurement of longer lead time equipment, the design of equipment

replacements/upgrades, as well as construction period tasks. The two-year contract has a not to exceed amount of \$350,000.

#### Prior Contract Activities

EWEB has contracted numerous times with Black & Veatch, all with on-time, cost-effective results. The most recent contracts include:

024-2015	Design Support for Carmen Power Plant Upgrades	\$7,425,000
21-012-Q	Trail Bridge Intake Gate Engineering Support	\$41,564
20-178-Q	Inspection of Smith Dam Radial Gate	\$22,242
20-129-Q	Smith Spill Lift	\$89,545
19-052-Q	Cascadia Emergency Preparedness	\$89,000
19-043-Q	Smith Spillway Wire Rope Evaluation	\$5,400

#### Purchasing Process

A formal Request for Proposals was posted to ORPIN in February 2021. Four responses were received. Three were deemed responsive and responsible. Criteria for scoring included 85 points for Project Understanding & Project Approach, Firm Qualifications & Experience, Project Team Qualifications & Experience, Project Management, and 15 points for Pricing.

The proposals were evaluated and ranked in order of best overall value. Black & Veatch was selected as the highest ranked proposer.

Vendor Name	City, State	Ranking (for Request For Proposals)
Black & Veatch	Tualatin, OR	1
Burns McDonnell	Centennial, CO	2
EN Engineering	San Ramon, CA	3

The proposed contract structure is that of a master services agreement (MSA) and will eventually include several individually negotiated task orders. Identified task orders will include switchgear upgrade design and protective relay upgrade design.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Black & Veatch for engineering services for replacement of the switchgear at the EWEB-owned steam turbine generator system at the International Paper mill in Springfield. Approximately \$ 350,000 was planned for these engineering design support services for the IP generation system in the Generation Department Type 1 and 2 capital budget during the period 2021 through 2022. The overall Type 1 and 2 capital budget for this period is \$3,210,000. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve a contract with **Core & Main, LP** for provision of ductile iron pipe.

Board Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

Project Name/Contract #: Ductile Iron Pipe / 20-255-G

Primary Contact: Rod Price                   Ext. 7122

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount:                   \$1,700,000 over 5 years

Additional \$ Previously Approved:       \$ 0.0

Invoices over last approval:               \$ 0.0

Percentage over last approval:           0 %

Amount this Request:                       \$1,700,000 over 5 years

**Resulting Cumulative Total:**               \$1,700,000 over 5 years

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation:                      Formal Request for Proposals

If applicable, basis for exemption:       N/A

Term of Agreement:                          5 years

Option to Renew?                             No

Approval for purchases “*as needed*” for the life of the Contract Yes  No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 4 (\$1,666,200 through \$1,729,900)

Selection Basis: Highest scoring proposal based on established evaluation criteria

Narrative:

### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The Utility purchases and installs Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) per EWEB standards. DIP is the product used for new water main installations and in some cases to repair existing water mains throughout EWEB’s water distribution system. DIP requires very little maintenance once it’s installed and is designed to last at least 100 years. DIP has the longest service life of any material on the market today and has as much as 90% recycled content, Ductile Iron Pipe is itself a 100% recyclable material.

### Contracted Goods or Services

The purchase and delivery of DIP ranging in sizes between 4” to 24” in diameter to be installed throughout EWEB’s service area. This five-year contract has a not to exceed amount of \$1,700,000.

### Prior Contract Activities

Core & Main, a national pipe distributor previously known as HD Supply Waterworks, has no known contracts with EWEB in the last 20 years. The pipe is manufactured by McWane Ductile, previously known as Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe. Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe held the ductile iron pipe contract from 2010 to 2015 and had no known concerns in regard to cost and timeline adherence.

### Purchasing Process

A formal Request for Proposals was posted to ORPIN in January 2021. Four responses were received and deemed responsive and responsible. Criteria for scoring included:

- Ability to Manage Pricing
- Ability to Manage Delivery
- Pricing

The proposals were evaluated and ranked in order of best overall value and price. Core & Main was selected as the highest ranked proposer.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price	Ranking (for Request For Proposals)
Core & Main	Lake Oswego, OR	\$1,687,041	1
HD Fowler	Eugene, OR	\$1,666,172	2
Consolidated	Lake Oswego, OR	1,728,604	3
Ferguson	Eugene, OR	1,729,942	4

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve a contract with Core & Main for provision of ductile iron pipe. For 2021, approximately \$4 million is budgeted for the installation of water mains, this includes the annual cost of \$340,000 for ductile iron pipe. This is all part of the overall \$20 million water capital plan. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.

## **EWEB Board Consent Calendar Request**

*For Contract Awards, Renewals, and Increases*

The Board is being asked to approve increasing the amount of an existing contract with **The Saunders Company, Inc.** for Phase II of the 42" Transmission Main Extension on the University of Oregon's riverfront property between Riverfront Parkway and East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board Meeting Date: 4/6/2021

Project Name/Contract #: Phase II Riverfront 42" Water Main Replacement / ITB 21-015-PW

Primary Contact: Rod Price Ext. 7122

### **Contract Amount:**

Original Contract Amount: \$2,200,000

Additional \$ Previously Approved: \$0

Invoices over last approval: \$0

Percentage over last approval: 24.44%

Amount this Request: \$540,000

**Resulting Cumulative Total: \$2,740,000**

### **Contracting Method:**

Method of Solicitation: Formal Invitation to Bid

If applicable, basis for exemption: N/A

Term of Agreement: One Time Purchase (Construction)

Option to Renew? No

Approval for purchases "*as needed*" for the life of the Contract Yes  No

Proposals/Bids Received (Range): 5 (\$2,188,800 – \$2,969,075)

Selection Basis: Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder

### Narrative:

#### Operational Requirement and Alignment with Strategic Plan

The original contract did not account for finishing the entire second phase of the pipeline project, the scope was 675 feet short of the Phase II completion point at the City Right-of-Way, ending in the middle of U of O riverfront property. The initial scope planned for this year was based on an accelerated timeline to run simultaneously with the City of Eugene's reconstruction of the South Bank Bike Path. Because the original contract amount was significantly under the engineer's estimate and EWEB received very good unit pricing, management would like to finish the 675 feet to complete all of the work on the University property. This will add 24.44% to the existing contract amount, which is under the board approval threshold, but does not account for any unforeseen construction issues that may cause an additional change order prior to completion.

#### Contracted Goods or Services

The original contract was awarded based on completing open trench construction of approximately 2780 feet of 42-inch welded steel pipe, 300 feet of 8-inch ductile iron main, 200 feet of 8" welded 8" HDPE slipline, including temporary and permanent restoration of the disturbed surfaces as required by the University of Oregon. Because bids were significantly under the engineer's estimate and budget, management is requesting a contract

amendment in order to lay an additional 675 feet of 42" pipe to complete phase 2 across the University of Oregon's Riverfront property.

#### Prior Contract Activities

The Saunders Company successfully completed phase 1 of this 42-inch water main with minimal change orders and a high-quality finished product. Work has just begun on Phase 2, but no invoices have been paid yet.

EWEB Contract No.	Project Name (Description)	Board Approval Date	Project Duration (Notice to proceed to close out).	Original Contract Amount	Final Contract Amount
20-067-PW	42" Water Main at HQ	5/5/2020	10 months	\$2,998,861.00	\$3,262,546.00

#### Purchasing Process

Staff issued a formal Invitation to Bid in February 2021. Staff received 5 bids, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from The Saunders Company, Inc. of Newberg, OR.

Vendor Name	City, State	Offered Price
The Saunders Company	Newberg, OR	\$2,188,800
Emery and Sons	Salem, OR	\$2,346,145
James W Fowler	Dallas, OR	\$2,559,250
Pacific Excavation	Eugene, OR	\$2,920,530
Moore Excavation	Fairview, OR	\$2,969,075

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Management requests the Board approve an increase to the existing Construction Contract with **The Saunders Company, Inc.** for the Phase II 42" Riverfront Water Main replacement. Approximately \$6.7M is allocated for large resiliency projects, such as this contract in the 2021 Water Capital budget of \$20M. The timing of the expenditures on these large projects are being coordinated to ensure they stay within board approved limits. Variances will be managed within the budget process and Board policy.