

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
February 7, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

Commissioners may pose questions to staff prior to the scheduled Board meeting. To view Commissioners' pre-meeting questions and staff responses, visit <https://www.eweb.org/about-us/board-of-commissioners/public-meetings>.

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

Others Present: Frank Lawson, General Manager; Jason Heuser, Public Policy and Government Affairs Program Manager; Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor

President Carlson 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 [1:43]

Public Input [8:49]

William Smith of Eugene urged EWEB to install and maintain a fiberoptic network in Eugene.

Joshua Korn of Eugene spoke in opposition to EWEB installing wireless metering technology, also referred to as Advanced Metering (AMI), and requested the February 2, 2023 article from the Defender Children's Health Defense News & Views titled 'Why Smart Meters Are Good for Utility Companies, Bad for Consumers' be included in the meeting minutes. Mr. Korn provided the following link:
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/smart-meters-health-privacy/>.

William McMahon, of Eugene spoke in favor of a return to service scenario for the Leaburg facility.

Chris Jones of Eugene suggested EWEB update the language of the Climate Guidebook principles to reflect support of pricing mechanisms that fairly compensate customers for surplus electricity that they supply to the grid.

Approval of Consent Calendar – A, Minutes and Routine Contracts [23:26]

MINUTES

1. a. January 3, 2023 Regular Session

b. January 17, 2023 Executive Session

CONTRACTS

2. Brink Brothers Inc.; Forest Restoration, Inc. dba Integrated Resource Management; Oregon Woods Inc.; and TBI (Timothy K. Browning) - for Planting and Vegetation Maintenance. \$4,000,000 based on Formal Invitation to Bid (over 5 years between four contracts).

Commissioner Schlossberg moved to approve Consent Calendar – A, without Item 2, Brink Brothers Inc.; Forest Restoration, Inc. dba Integrated Resource Management; Oregon Woods Inc.; and TBI (Timothy K. Browning). The motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Commissioner Brown asked for more details about Item 2. [24:07]

Commissioner 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 [30:26]

CONTRACTS

3. Ferguson Waterworks - for Ductile Iron Fittings. \$1,315,000 (over 5 years) based on Formal Invitation to Bid.

4. GEI Consultants - for Engineering Consultant Services related to the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project. \$200,000 based on Request for Proposal (RFP).

5. General Pacific Inc. - for Padmounted Transformers. \$3,000,000 (over 5 years) based on Direct Negotiation.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution No. 2305 - Board Appointments and Outside Liaisons.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Consent Calendar – B. The motion passed unanimously 5:0.

EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda [30:50]

The EWEB Board of Commissioners, moderated by President Carlson, discussed the agenda for upcoming joint meetings with the City of Eugene leadership.

Climate Guidebook Draft Principles [52:00]

Mr. Lawson, Mr. Heuser, and Ms. Hoell offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation on the draft principles of EWEB's Climate Guidebook.

McKenzie Valley Meeting Planning [1:39:20]

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a discussion and PowerPoint presentation on the planning of the upcoming McKenzie Valley meeting.

Correspondence & Board Agendas [1:56:37]

Mr. Lawson offered the Board a brief report on Correspondence and Board Agendas.

Board Wrap Up [2:07:53]

President Carlson adjourned the Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by Rodney Cimburke

Assistant Secretary

President