

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

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

**Others Present:** Frank Lawson, General Manager; Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor, Travis Knabe, Chief Information Officer; Julie McGaughey, Chief Customer Officer; Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer; Rob Freytag, General Accounting & Treasury Supervisor; Megan Capper, Energy Resources Manager; Ben Ulrich, Power Planning Supervisor; Aaron Bush, Resource Analyst; Aaron Orłowski, Communications Specialist

**Call to Order**

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 [1:33]**

**Public Input [7:16]**

**Jim Neu** of Ward 7, and on behalf of 350 Eugene and the environmental and social justice organizations, expressed appreciation to General Manager Lawson and staff for the IRP meetings, and to Kelly Hoell for the Climate Guidebook.

**Joshua Korn** of Eugene spoke in opposition to EWEB installing wireless metering technology, also referred to as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), citing risks from RF radiation and job loss.

**William Smith** of Eugene gave an overview of fiber optics basics.

**Max Leibrich** of Eugene made a complaint about the EWEB billing system.

**Will Rutherford** acknowledged Karl Morgenstern's contributions to the watershed.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of Consent Calendar – A, Minutes and Routine Contracts [24:11]**

**MINUTES**

**1. February 7, 2023 Regular Session**

**Action:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Consent Calendar A as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

**Approval of Consent Calendar – B, Non-routine Contracts and Other Consent Items [24:33]**

**CONTRACTS**

**2. Applied Process Equipment** - for the purchase of Arsenic Treatment Systems at new emergency water wells. \$176,000 based on Informal Request for Proposals (RFP).

**3. Beaver Equipment LLC** - for the purchase of anthracite. \$220,000 (over 5 years) based on Direct Negotiation.

**4. Convergent Technologies** – for the use of a cooperative contract for Enterprise Security Systems Customer Support Program. \$400,000 (over 5 years).

**5. ICF** – for Wildfire Risk Analysis Services. \$350,000 (over 5 years) based on Formal Request for Proposal.

**6. Jacobs dba CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc.** – for additional funds to the engineering services contract for Carmen Smith Fish Passage Facilities and to increase the length of the contract from 5 years to a maximum of 10 years. \$3,000,000 (original contract amount \$10,000,000 based on Request for Proposals, \$2,000,000 previously approved 06/01/21, resulting cumulative total \$15,000,000).

**7. Pacific Excavation, Inc.** – for a new construction contract for the Hilyard Street 36-inch Transmission Main and 24-inch Storm Drain Replacement. \$9,500,000 based on a Formal Invitation to Bid.

**8. Wildish Building Company** – for Construction Task Order #24 for construction services for the Temporary Trap and Haul Facility at the Carmen-Smith Spawning Channel. \$1,425,000.

**9. W.W. Grainger** – for the use of a cooperative contract for the purchase of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) Industrial Supplies. \$250,000 over 2 years.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**10. Resolution No. 2307 – Annual Price Adjustment for Dark Fiber Lease Pricing.**

**OTHER**

**11. EWEB/City of Eugene Joint Initiatives Agenda.**

**Action:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Consent Calendar B as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

**EWEB Enterprise Solutions (EES) Implementation Contracts [25:41]**

Travis Knabe, Chief Information Officer, Julie McGaughey, Chief Customer Officer, and Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from Commissioners.

**Action:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Program Director Services contract with Avant Consulting, not to exceed \$5 million over five years. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

**Action:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the General Manager or designee to approve the implementation contract with Deloitte Consulting, not to exceed \$16 million over two years. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

**Resolution No. 2306, Upcoming Water Utility Bond Financing [39:20]**

Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer and Rob Freytag, General Accounting & Treasury Supervisor offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from Commissioners.

**Action:**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2306. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0. (Resolution No. 2306 requesting the City Council authorize the issuance and sale of Water Utility Bonds for new construction.)

**GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**State of the Utility Address & Prior Year-end Operational & Strategic Goals Report [52:20]**

Frank Lawson, General Manager thanked the staff, Board, and citizens. He provided an overview of the goals set for 2022 and goal achievement.

**Climate Guidebook Part 1: Content Overview [1:25:55]**

Frank Lawson, General Manager and Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation on the purpose, timeline, and versions of EWEB's Climate Guidebook and answered questions from Commissioners.

**Climate Guidebook Part 2: GHG (Greenhouse Gas) Inventory and CAP2.0 [2:11:08]**

Frank Lawson, General Manager and Kelly Hoell, Climate Policy Analyst & Advisor concluded the PowerPoint presentation on EWEB's Climate Guidebook.

**IRP (Integrated Resource Plan) Sensitivity Analysis and Public Engagement Update [2:56:15]**

Brian Booth, Chief Energy Resources Officer, Megan Capper, Energy Resources Manager, Ben Ulrich, Power Planning Supervisor, Aaron Bush, Resource Analyst Aaron Orłowski, Communications Specialist offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation led by Mr. Bush outlining the IRP timeline and process and answered questions from Commissioners.

**Required Review of Bylaws [3:39]**

Frank Lawson, General Manager noted that the bylaws must be reviewed within the first three months following the swearing in of Commissioners. He stated that if the Board endorsed the recommended changes, the public would be served notice and the item would return for action next month.

Commissioners did not request any modifications to the bylaws presented.

**Correspondence & Board Agendas [3:40:13]**

Frank Lawson, General Manager offered the Board a brief report on Correspondence and Board Agendas.

It was the decision by consensus to add the State of the McKenzie Report to next month's agenda.

**Board Wrap Up [3:42:29]**

**Adjourn**

President Carlson adjourned the Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

*Recorded by Angela Kern, LCOG*

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Assistant Secretary

President