

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
REGULAR SESSION**

April 4, 2023

5:45 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 Orlovski, Communications Specialist; Karen Kelley, Chief Operations Officer; Mike Masters, Water Operations Manager; Susan Fricke, Water Resources & Quality Assurance Supervisor; TiaMarie Harwood, Financial Services Manager; Aaron Balmer, Fiscal Services Supervisor; and Alicia Voorhees, Lead Financial Analyst; and Julie Desimone and Sydne Jacoby of Moss Adams

Call to Order

President Carlson called the Regular Session to order at 5:45 p.m.

Agenda Check

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Items from Board Members and General Manager

Public Input [4:04]

Sandra Bishop shared concerns regarding the safety barrier at the E. 40th water storage construction site, she thanked the project manager and contractor for responding promptly to her complaint.

Mark Robinowitz shared concerns about EWEB testimony pertaining to House Bill 2215.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Consent Calendar – A, Minutes and Routine Contracts [13:38]

MINUTES

1. a. March 7, 2023 Regular Session
- b. March 21, 2023 Executive Session

CONTRACTS

2. **Davey Tree Surgery Company** – for Utility Line Clearance Services. \$7,000,000 (over 2 years).

3. **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.** – for additional funds for Pole Inspection, Test & Treat, and NESC and Joint Use Inspections. \$230,000 this request (original contract amount \$560,000; resulting cumulative total \$790,000 over 5 years).

4. **Pacific Excavation** – for additional funds for Concrete Removal and Replacement Services. \$700,000 this request (original contract amount \$192,000; additional previously approved \$308,000; resulting cumulative total \$1,200,000 over 5 years).

Commissioner Barofsky asked to pull Item 4, Pacific Excavation, from the Consent Calendar.

Action:

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

Action:

MOTION: Commissioner Barofsky moved to adopt Item 4 of Consent Calendar B as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

Approval of Consent Calendar – B, Non-routine Contracts and Other Consent Items [19:04]

CONTRACTS

5. **Altec Industries, Inc.** – for the use of a national cooperative contract for the purchase of a 60' Digger Derrick. \$265,000 (one-time).

6. **Oregon Woods, Inc.** – for the purchase of Vegetation Management Services. \$650,000 (over 5 years).

7. **Quantum Recruiters, Inc.** – for the use of a City of Eugene cooperative contract for Temporary Staffing Services. \$500,000 (over 3 years).

Action:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Prior Year-End (2022) Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter [19:29]

Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer; Rob Freytag, General Accounting & Treasury Supervisor; and Julie Desimone and Sydne Jacoby of Moss Adams, offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation outlining the audit process and findings and answered questions from Commissioners.

City of Eugene Liaison Agenda [41:49]

The decision by consensus was to add expansion of EV charging, resiliency, and College Hill to the list of Liaison Agenda topics.

Prefunding/Funding Options for Leaburg Hydroelectric Project [1:00:06]

Deborah Hart, Chief Financial Officer; TiaMarie Harwood, Financial Services Manager; Aaron Balmer, Fiscal Services Supervisor; and Alicia Voorhees, Lead Financial Analyst, offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation outlining the prefunding options and answered questions from Commissioners.

Break 7:35 [1:50:49] 10 minutes

State of the Watershed Annual Presentation/Q&A [2:00:26]

Karen Kelley, Chief Operations Officer; Mike Masters, Water Operations Manager; and Susan Fricke, Water Resources & Quality Assurance Supervisor, offered the Board a report and PowerPoint presentation outlining the state of the watershed and answered questions from Commissioners.

General Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation and Merit Discussion for prior year [2:30:55]

EWEB Board of Commissioners

Action:

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to present General Manager Frank Lawson a merit award equivalent to 2.18% of his annual salary, to be presented as a lump sum or the equivalent in accrued vacation. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

Correspondence & Board Agendas [2:41:55]

Frank Lawson, General Manager

The Board and General Manager agreed to place correspondence earlier on the agenda going forward.

Board Wrap Up [3:11:45]

Adjourn [3:13:15]

President Carlson adjourned the Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.

Recorded by Angela Kern, LCOG

Assistant Secretary

President