

**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 Orlowski, 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. 40<sup>th</sup> 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]**

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**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*

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Assistant Secretary

President