

DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2022
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority was held May 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the WSA Administration Building.

Members present:

Peggy Baugh, Chairman

Nia Brown

Cindy Fedack, Vice Chairman

Christopher Flowers

Joseph Fowler, Board Attorney

Dr. Romona Jackson-Jones, Chairman, Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Helen McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Rochelle Robinson, Mayor, City of Douglasville

Richard Segal

Gilbert Shearouse, Executive Director

Mr. Shearouse acknowledged several guests, including Ms. Katie Lucas, who was shadowing Dr. Jones for the day, and two Leadership WSA participants, whom he would introduce later.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2022 regular meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Baugh and seconded by Ms. Fedack to approve the minutes as presented. There were no corrections or additions, and the minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shearouse introduced Jordan Pounds (Water Foreman) and Michael Friedlander (SCADA Engineer), the second set of Leadership WSA participants who spent the day in the Administration department this year. They responded to questions and comments from Board members. Leadership WSA is the Authority's internal leadership program and consists of six employees this year.

Mr. Shearouse reported that the Authority has approved 12 interns for the summer: two rising high school seniors, six graduating seniors and four college students. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shearouse updated the board on an item from the Board's monthly work session of April 25th regarding banks to use for WSA employees' health savings accounts. He reported that no local banks or banks with a local presence offered these accounts, so the Authority has decided to use the aptly-named HSA Bank, which offers services such as a convenient card to use for payment of services and easy to use managed account options. This requires no further action by the Board, he said.

STATUS REPORT

There was nothing to add to the written report.

At this time, Chairman Baugh introduced the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. (FOR INTRODUCTION ONLY).

Mr. Segal gave the first reading of the resolution as required by Authority Bylaws. The resolution will be presented for approval at the first Board meeting in June, Mr. Shearouse said, adding that a public hearing on the budget will be held May 11th at 5 p.m.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDERS TO CIGNA AND STANDARD FOR THE AUTHORITY'S HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Fedack and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE WITH MICROSOFT CORPORATION FOR THE NORTH RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

A motion was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Ms. Brown to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER NO. 22-1 TO ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR 12-INCH DUCTILE IRON PIPE INSTALLATION WITH UNITY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE NORTH RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,350,764.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Dr. Jones to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER TO AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,528.30 FOR 12-INCH DUCTILE IRON PIPE FOR THE NORTH RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

A motion was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Ms. Robinson to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDERS TO CORE & MAIN LP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,518.04 AND MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,084.00 FOR MATERIALS FOR THE NORTH RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

A motion was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Ms. Fedack to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER NO. 22-1 WITH RINDT, INC. FOR CONTRACTED PROJECT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE ENTRANCE ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$93,195.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Flowers to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER NO. 22-2 WITH RINDT, INC. FOR CONTRACTED PROJECT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE EAST STRICKLAND STREET STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$106,775.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Ms. Robinson to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER NO. 22-3 WITH RINDT, INC. FOR CONTRACTED PROJECT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PARKWOOD DRIVE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$86,495.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Dr. Jones to adopt the resolution as presented. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

In honor of Water Professionals Appreciation Day (first Monday in May) and National Drinking Water Week (first week of May), Mr. Shearouse recognized and highlighted several accomplishments by the Authority. A total of 55 employees, designated as Community Heroes for their volunteerism, were treated to a breakfast for their participation in 42 community events (May 2021 – April 2022).

WSA received several awards at the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Spring Conference. Rebel Trails Wastewater Pollution Control Plant received the Gold award (Wastewater) in recognition of 100% compliance for the year; South Central Water Pollution Control Plant earned the Platinum award (Wastewater) for 100% compliance (six years consecutively); Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant received the Platinum award (Water) for 24 years of 100% compliance. Mr. Shearouse said this plant is tied with Clayton County Water Authority for the most wins in this category.

The Bear Creek Water Treatment Plant was awarded the Water Treatment Plant of the Year in the category of 15-49.99 million gallons per day. This is the plant's fourth consecutive win for the years it was eligible to compete.

David Gray, South Central WWTP operator, was named GAWP District 3 Top Operator. He was nominated by Deputy Director Keith Higgs.

Mr. Shearouse announced Jason Warmoth as the Authority's Employee of the Year. The 24-year employee was applauded for his hard work, tenacity and customer-service focus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

There was no further business before the Board, so Chairman Baugh called the meeting to an end. There was no objection and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R. McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by

Peggy Baugh, Chairman