



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Director Rendl first welcomed the attendees to tonight's meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Rendl noted that a public comment had been received from Mr. Tom Lovell with Terranova West Municipal Utility District. Director Rendl reported that Mr. Lovell asked about the Authority's position regarding Representative Dan Huberty's plan to file a bill in the current legislative session to create the Lake Houston Dredging and Maintenance District. Director Rendl stated that Mr. Steve Bresnen, the Authority's lobbyist, has a meeting with Representative Huberty to voice the Authority's concerns regarding the proposed bill and to request that Representative Huberty pull the proposed bill or include language to exempt the various water authorities.

## STATUS OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

A copy of Ms. Payne's PowerPoint presentation is attached as an exhibit to these minutes.

Ms. Payne first reported that a new edition of the Authority's Waterlines newsletter will be available this week or next week. Ms. Payne noted that extra copies of the publication will be available and can be obtained by contacting Ms. Lisa Sagstetter at the Authority's office. Ms. Payne then reported that a new "Rising Cost of Water" brochure is at the printer now and will be available very soon to order online. Ms. Payne also reported that new irrigation focused billing inserts will be available to pre-order in the near future.

Director Rendl then reported that he attended a conference last week via Zoom for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers which was very informative. Director Rendl next stated that he thinks the new edition of Waterlines is outstanding and gives a much better feel for the magnitude of the Authority's various projects and urged everyone to provide copies of such publication to their customers.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Chang then reported that Mr. Doug Haude has joined the Authority as its Construction Manager as of today. Director Rendl welcomed Mr. Haude to the Authority family.

Mr. Chang next called upon Mr. Berckenhoff to present the Program Manager's Report to the Board, a copy of which is included behind Tab 3 of the meeting packet and attached hereto.

## PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Berckenhoff first stated that he has worked with Mr. Haude for many years at AECOM and that he is happy that Mr. Haude has joined the Authority.

## UPDATE ON STATUS OF SURFACE WATER CONVERSION

Mr. Berckenhoff then reported that the Spears Road Regional Pump Station delivered a daily average rate of approximately 19.1 million gallons per day ("MGD") of surface water during January. Mr. Berckenhoff added that the alternative water used in December was approximately 33.5%, compared to approximately 36.6% in November. Mr. Berckenhoff further explained that during December, approximately 79.7% of the water used by the Public Water Systems (the "PWSs") in the Authority's 2010 service area was alternative water.

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Mr. Berckenhoff went on to report that during the prior month, AECOM had performed other activities for the Authority as follows: 1) implemented and performed tasks regarding the Authority's aggregate water well permit (the "Permit"); 2) assisted the Authority in a variety of activities involving the City of Houston (the "City"); 3) continued oversight of engineering and acquisition related efforts; 4) provided oversight of Inframark's activities and its contract to operate the Authority's system; and 5) monitored, tabulated and analyzed amounts of water used by the PWSs covered by the Authority's Permit and, where necessary and practical, in consort with Inframark and the respective PWS operators, took appropriate actions to optimize the use of surface water. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that the Authority currently has 26 active projects, with seven (7) in or near construction, 17 in final design and right-of-way acquisition, one (1) undergoing a routing study and one (1) project on hold.

## LUCE BAYOU INTERBASIN TRANSFER PROJECT (THE "LUCE BAYOU PROJECT") UPDATE

Concerning the Luce Bayou Project, Mr. Berckenhoff gave an update on the status of the following items: 1) the contractor continued installation of the 84-inch (84"), 96-inch (96") and 108-inch (108") piping, discharge and flushing piping flow fill placement, installation of upstream and downstream bank protection sheet pile and installation of electrical and control wiring; and 2) the contractor completed final pressure testing of pig retrieval building and began limestone stabilization of planned pavement areas. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that the Coastal Water Authority had received five (5) bids for canal startup services on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## NORTHEAST WATER PURIFICATION PLANT (THE "NEWPP") EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Berckenhoff further reported on the status of the NEWPP Expansion Project, noting that construction of the Central Plant continues with concrete work and piping supports for the filter modules and ongoing pump can placement at the Transfer Pump Station. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that construction of the North Plant continues with ongoing formwork, rebar placement and structural concrete for various structures. Mr. Berckenhoff added that installation of pump station structural steel and precast building panels is ongoing. Mr. Berckenhoff further reported that installation of precast panels and plumbing at the administration building and the concrete masonry unit wall construction at the maintenance building is ongoing. Mr. Berckenhoff next reported that construction of the South Plant is continuing with installation of concrete floors at the ground storage tank and precast panel installation has been completed at

the dewatering building. Mr. Berckenhoff also reported that installation of the battery system and bus duct at the electrical substation is ongoing. Mr. Berckenhoff further noted that the Houston Waterworks Team continues to progress on the procurement of various balance of plant packages and that the Project Advisor/Technical Consultant continues to provide construction oversight services on behalf of the City of Houston and the Authorities.

#### NORTHEAST TRANSMISSION LINE (THE "NETL") PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Berckenhoff next reported that in connection with the NETL project, the contractors have continued with construction on six (6) sections of the 108-inch (108") line. Mr. Berckenhoff added that real estate acquisitions are proceeding on several additional sections of the NETL.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Bobbitt stated that she had nothing to report.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board next considered approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular meeting. Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Fessler, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular meeting, as written.

##### FINANCIAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT, INCLUDING APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, ISSUANCE OF CHECKS, REVIEW BUDGET COMPARISON, AND REPORT ON STATUS OF PAYMENTS OF QUARTERLY PUMPAGE FEES

Director Rendl then recognized Ms. Plunkett, who reviewed the Authority's Financial Report with the Board, including the monthly investment report, the checks being presented for payment, and the budget comparison for the month ended December 31, 2020, a copy of which is included behind Tab 5 of the meeting packet and attached hereto.

Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Fessler, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report, the monthly investment report, and the checks being presented for payment.

##### GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTION ITEMS

##### ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE AUTHORITY (THE "RESOLUTION")

Mr. Chang next explained that the Authority's Procedural Rules have not been updated since 2016. Mr. Chang then reviewed a summary of the proposed changes with the Board.

Upon motion by Director Fessler, seconded by Director Pulliam, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution, a copy of which is included behind Tab 6 of the meeting packet and attached hereto.

AUTHORIZE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH BLACK & VEATCH ("B&V") AND PROJECT SURVEILLANCE, INC. ("PSI") (COLLECTIVELY, THE "AGREEMENTS")

Mr. Chang next requested Board authorization to negotiate, finalize and execute the Agreements with B&V and PSI for professional on-call engineering services. Upon motion by Director Pulliam, seconded by Director Sigler, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the General Manager to negotiate, finalize and execute the Agreements with B&V and PSI, copies of which are included in the Authority's files.

ADOPT AMENDED RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND DELIVERY OF WATER, INCLUDING REASONABLE AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, BY DONATION, PURCHASE, OR EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN, OF PROPERTY AND PROPERTY INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR SUCH FACILITIES, IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT 31D (THE "AMENDED RESOLUTION")

Mr. Chang next recognized Mr. Berckenhoff, who presented for the Board's approval and adoption the Amended Resolution, a copy of which is included behind Tab 8 of the meeting packet and attached hereto. Mr. Berckenhoff then briefly reviewed the Amended Resolution with the Board, explaining that the Amended Resolution addresses the revision to the route of Project 31D in order to include a surface water delivery line to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 69.

Upon motion by Director Fessler, seconded by Director Pulliam, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize execution of the Amended Resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto.

ADOPT AMENDED RATE ORDER

Director Rendl next reminded the Board and meeting attendees that a Rate Order Workshop was held in November and that the proposed revisions to the Rate Order were provided for public comment. Mr. Chang stated that one (1) comment was received and has been addressed in the proposed Amended Rate Order. Upon motion by Director Fessler, seconded by Director Pulliam, after full discussion and the question being put to the Board, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Amended Rate Order, a copy of which is attached hereto.

CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETING DATE

Director Rendl then informed the meeting attendees that the Authority's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Director Rendl noted that information on how the Authority meetings will be conducted going forward will be sent out via e-blast and also posted on the Authority's website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Rendl then stated that no further public comments had been received.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.



/s/ Lenox A. Sigler  
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Secretary, Board of Directors