

# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners<sub>220 S. Main Street</sub> Memphis, TN 38103

## **Board Meeting**

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Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:30 AM Zoom Electronic Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS: Chairwoman McCullough

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairwoman McCullough

<u>Chairwoman McCullough</u> led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Dana Jeanes

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carlee McCullough	Chairwoman	Present	
Mitch Graves	Vice Chair	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Present	
Mike Pohlman	Board Member	Present	,
Steve Wishnia	Board Member	Present	***************************************

Advisory Board: Dwain Kicklighter - Present

Kevin Young - Present

Several SLC members were in attendance of the meeting; however, a roll call was not taken.

## **APPROVALS:**

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes of the Meeting of August 5, 2020.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mitch Graves. Vice Chair

**SECONDER:** Michael Pohlman, Board Member

AYES: Pohlman, Wishnia, McCullough, Graves, Dickson

## CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE: Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated August 4, 2020, Items 20 through 24. (See Minute File No. 1451.)

## PRESENTATIONS:

1. Memphis Aquifer Research Project Update - Slides Provided by <u>Dr. Brian Waldron</u>, <u>Director</u>, <u>CAESER</u> - The Board was advised that presentation slides have been sent to them. They were asked to review and let President Young know if they have any questions.

# **GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A letter was received from Mr. Paul Robson, Highview Storage, Inc., 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 216, Alexandria, VA asking to acknowledge the letter at the Board Meeting. Mr. Jeanes stated that in summary the letter is a proposal of technology and should have been included in the comment period of the IRP public meeting. The deadline was not met for it to be presented at that meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:

1. Review of Consent Agenda - J. T. Young

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 87)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault on the fifth floor of the MLGW Administration Building, 220 South Main. The original documents shall control in the event of any conflict between the description and these minutes and the original documents.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 7)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Items 1 through 5 & Item 7

**DELETED [UNANIMOUS] – Item 6** 

MOVER: Mitch Graves, Vice Chair

SECONDER: Michael Pohlman, Board Member

AYES: Pohlman, Wishnia, McCullough, Graves, Dickson

#### CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER

(None)

#### CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

(None)

## CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER

Resolution approving Position No. 05803 - Distribution Design Engineer 3, Position No. 07093 - Section Supervisor Service Dispatcher, Position No. 07094 - Service Dispatcher, Position No. 07095 - Service Dispatcher. (J.T. Young/Von Goodloe)

### **COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

2. Resolution awarding contract to Mac Papers, Inc., for #9 utility bill return envelopes, in the amount of \$87,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

## **DESIGN CONSTRUCTION & DELIVERY**

(None)

#### **ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS**

- 3. Resolution awarding contract to Siemens Industry, Inc. for PSSE (Power Systems Simulation for Engineering) software licenses, in the amount of \$91,800.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 4. Resolution approving the rejection of bids for Contract No. 12178, Decommission of 12" PE Landfill Main. (Randy Orsby)
- 5. Resolution approving Change No. 4 to Contract No. 10699, Title Plant Access Agreement with Fidelity National Financial (Formerly Fidelity National Title Group) in the funded amount of \$105,000.00. (This change is to renew the current contract for a five year period covering March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026 with no increase in rates from the previous renewal.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

#### **PRESIDENT**

(None)

## SVP, CFO & CAO, FINANCE

(None)

## SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(None)

### SHARED SERVICES

## ITEM NO. 6 DELETED FROM THE AGENDA

- Resolution awarding Contract No. 12197, System Furniture, to Staples Contract & Commercial LLC, in the amount of \$1,691,297.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 7. Resolution awarding Contract No.12175. Locksmith Services, to Quality Safe and Lock Company, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

#### **VP & GENERAL COUNSEL**

(None)

# PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):

2. HR Policy #21-13 - Employment Verifications - <u>Eric Conway</u> pointed out where corrections were made and the dated language removed.

- 3. HR Policy #22-04 Service Awards <u>Eric Conway</u> noted the modified wording, title changes and deleted dated language.
- 4. COVID19 Update <u>J.T. Young</u> informed the Board of the latest numbers related to MLGW employees and COVID19. The number of employees that have been isolated are 396; 324 returned to work; 79 have tested positive; and recovery rate is 71%. He also informed the Board that next week disconnects and late fees will resume. He added that <u>Jim West</u> and his team have worked hard in assisting customers with payment arrangements and educating them with various assistance programs.

# 5. Power Supply Presentation - <u>J. T. Young/Alonzo Weaver/Dana Jeanes & Melissa Seymour with MISO</u>

<u>President Young</u> stated that the presentation today will include a lot of information and the presenters will be very precise and allow plenty time for discussion and questions. He detailed the process up to this point and the four strategies 1) full requirements contract with TVA; 2) self-supply; 3) MLGW-MISO combination; and 4) all MISO. President Young discussed the responsibilities and make-up of the 20 member team of local business and community leaders, government officials and MLGW Executives. He discussed the objectives of the IRP and turned it over to <u>Alonzo Weaver</u>. Mr. Weaver discussed the various portfolios and the scorecard detailing various risks, reliability, resiliency, sustainability, local water consumption and capacity by year for various portfolios.

Melissa Seymour with MISO discussed the Membership Assessment Report. She explained that MISO was asked to do four things related to resource adequacy, transmission interconnection, market impact assessment and an assessment of MISO cost. She stated that MISO has adequate resources for MLGW to join MISO in the Arkansas Zone or to be in its own zone. She clarified areas from the Board of which they had questions.

<u>President Young</u> asked <u>Dana Jeanes</u> to review the financial requirements. He discussed the revenue as it would be a long term partnership in a net present value on staying with TVA alongside of the other portfolios and the savings if going with specific scenarios. He also covered the PILOT payments from TVA and if we leave TVA the \$18 million PILOT from TVA would go away. He noted that MLGW will have to borrow an excess to fund during the construction period.

President Young discussed the next steps to the Board and advised there are multiple firms that serve MISO members that can facilitate. MLGW plans to contract with a consultant to manage the process and entertain all alternative proposals. He included that it is important that the information we receive is efficient. He stated the plan is to get an RFQ out by August 21 and the kick-off meeting being on October 21, 2020. The Board recommended that a consultant be selected instead of going through the usual RFQ process. They expressed concern in this not being delayed and to move expeditiously. President Young stated his recommendation of searching for a firm through the RFQ process would assure a better fit based on the various scopes of work.

6. Other - J. T. Young

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Supplier Diversity Report, Second Quarter, 2020 - Randy Orsby introduced Tamara Pate as the new Supplier Diversity Coordinator. Ms. Pate stated that the pandemic has had an affect on the numbers this year. The total spend for the second quarter is \$59 million with \$15 million being supplier diversity. Of that amount, 12% is local small businesses, 9% is minority owned businesses and 4% women owned. These statistics are lower than in 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Wishnia asked for a report with a breakdown of the number of firms for each category.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1452.)

Approxed Without Interlineation

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Secretary-Treasurer