



Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners

220 S. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103
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Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:30 AM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Vice Chairman Pohlman

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Pohlman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Dana Jeanes

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Board Member	Present	
Cheryl Pesce	Board Member	Absent	
Carl Person	Board Member	Present	
Mitch Graves	Board Member	Present	
Leon Dickson	Board Member	Remote	
James Lewellen	Advisory Board Member	Present	
John Butler	Advisory Board Member	Absent	

APPROVALS:

Motion To: Approve Minutes from the Meeting of February 7, 2024.

RESULT: ADOPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER: Mitch Graves, Board Member
SECONDER: Carl Person, Board Member
AYES: Michael Pohlman, Carl Person, Mitch Graves
ABSENT: Cheryl Pesce
REMOTE: Leon Dickson

Chairman Dickson joined the meeting remotely therefore he did not vote.

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Acknowledges the approval by the City Council on February 6, 2024, of a Resolution to amend the City of Memphis Utility Assistance Program. (See Minute File No. 1491.)

PRESENTATIONS:

(None)

GENERAL STATEMENT(S) FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Lynch - Sierra Club - 347 N. McLean, Memphis, TN – Mr. Lynch thanked the Board for the opportunity for public comments. Mr. Lynch stated that he didn't really have much to say, but that he wanted to repeat some things he previously stated. Mr. Lynch stated that he knew MLGW is making preparations for public input as to the 2045 plan. Mr. Lynch mentioned the \$120 million budget that we have for solar and batteries in our current capital budget and recommended taking advantage of that money stating that solar plus batteries is more cost efficient than gas, so it is a very important thing. Mr. Lynch hopes MLGW can be more aggressive with changing out lead pipes. Mr. Lynch said that he would be back and apologized for repeating the same things.

Review Consent Agenda – President Doug McGowen

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault of 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.

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**CONSENT AGENDA
(Items 1 through 9)**

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0] – Items 1 through 4 and 6 through 9 were approved. Item 5 was deleted.
AYES:	Michael Pohlman, Carl Person, Mitch Graves
ABSENT:	Cheryl Pesce
REMOTE:	Leon Dickson

Chairman Dickson joined the meeting remotely therefore he did not vote.

Advisory Board Member Lewellen supports the approval of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4 and 6 through 9.

VP of CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE and ENERGY SERVICES

(None)

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

(None)

COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(None)

DESIGN CONSTRUCTION & DELIVERY

1. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 12424, Water Well Production Drilling with National Water Services, LLC to expand the scope and increase the current

contract value in the funded amount of \$4,640,640.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

2. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12266, WECO Electric Meter Testing Application with Radian Research, Inc. to increase the current contract value in the funded amount of \$22,743.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS

3. Resolution approving the rejection of the bids received up to 4:00 PM on August 29, 2023 for Contract No. 12438, Radio Shop Construction. (Randy Orsby)
4. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 11913, Distribution Engineering Analysis Software with CYME International T & D to ratify, renew, expand the scope and increase the current contract value in the funded amount of \$215,303.98. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
5. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12449, On-Call Boring to Memphis Road Boring Company, Inc., in the funded amount of \$5,853,000.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL) – **THIS ITEM WAS DELETED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

PRESIDENT

(None)

SVP, CFO & CAO, FINANCE

6. Resolution approving selection of CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC as investment consultant for benefit of the MLGW OPEB Trust in the amount of \$97,000 annually for a term of 60 months under contract #12489. (Dana Jeanes)
7. Resolution approving selection of CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC as investment consultant for benefit of the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund in the amount of \$208,000 annually for a term of 60 months under contract #12434 (Dana Jeanes)

SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(None)

SHARED SERVICES

8. Resolution Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12339, Janitorial Services to Mason's Professional Cleaning Services, LLC to renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$1,150,393.04. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

9. Resolution approving Change No. 2 to Contract No. 12298, Janitorial Services to Mason's Professional Cleaning Services, LLC to ratify and renew the current contract in the funded amount of \$271,318.50. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

VP & GENERAL COUNSEL

(None)

CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER

(None)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING

Other – President Doug McGowen

President McGowen thanked Mr. Lynch and assured him that there was never a problem with him reminding us of the things that are important to the community. President McGowen thanked him for his continued advocacy as well as the other groups who advocate for one area or another as well as the public. President McGowen stated that we are excited to kick off MLGW 2045. We are meeting with our industrial customers at the end of this month. President McGowen announced that March 5, 2024, will be our first open forum for 2045 which will be held at the Benjamin Hooks Library. We will have a meeting in every single numbered Council District as well as two in unincorporated Shelby County. President McGowen stated that we will also be meeting with suburban mayors.

President McGowen also announced that as part of public safety we are looking into doing some piloting with the technology our new LED streetlights possess. Furthermore, as part of public safety and being a good corporate citizen of downtown, we are going to make sure that people know we care about this place so on March 4, 2024, we are doing what we call "Power Clean". People in the Administration Building will be picking up litter and trash and identifying blight within a two-mile radius of our headquarters. We will do this monthly. President McGowen invited the Board to come down and participate in the "Power Clean".

President McGowen made some personnel announcements. President McGowen informed the Board that Nick Newman, VP of Engineering and Operations, has been selected to be the Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts and will be leaving MLGW at the end of the month. President McGowen stated that we couldn't be prouder of Nick and all that he has done here, and that he is not surprised that they picked him to be the next Executive Director.

Mr. Nick Newman stated that he had been with MLGW for 36 years and that it had been a great career. Mr. Newman stated that he grew up at this company with a lot of folks in the room. Mr. Newman said he hadn't planned on leaving anytime soon, but the opportunity came up, and it is something he really wants to do. Mr. Newman stated that is what is dragging him away from his family. Mr. Newman thanked everyone.

President McGowen requested Brad Gates to come to the podium. President McGowen stated that we have a lot of work to do in our electric distribution system and that in order to get that work done we need a reliable, star worker, and partner. President McGowen mentioned that we had completed the LED Streetlight conversion faster than any other city in the country as well as the amount of tree trimming that has taken place. President McGowen stated that Mr. Gates' leadership, vision and architecture was responsible for these accomplishments. President McGowen stated that Mr. Gates has recently been promoted to Director of Electric Construction so everything that has to do with electric construction will now come under Mr. Gates purview, and we couldn't be prouder to give him this promotion and opportunity.

Mr. Brad Gates stated that he appreciated Doug, Alonzo, Jackie, and the team for the opportunity. Mr. Gates stated that he is looking forward to the promotion. Mr. Gates stated that there is a lot of work to do, but he is looking forward to the challenge. Mr. Gates thinks we will see a major difference in our reliability in the coming years.

President McGowen requested Quinton Clark come to the podium. President McGowen stated that Mr. Clark has recently been the Manager of our Water Operations, so as Mr. Newman is retiring and Mr. Cliff Deberry is retiring, this created an opportunity for us to do what he thought was appropriate for realigning how we do work. President McGowen stated he chose to realign all of electric under one vice president and all of water and gas under another vice president so you have engineering, operations and construction in one vertical. President McGowen stated they completed the interview process and Quinton Clark was selected to fill the Vice President of Electric Position. President McGowen mentioned Mr. Clark's accomplishments.

Mr. Quinton Clark thanked President McGowen, Alonzo Weaver, Jackie, and the team for selecting him for the job. Mr. Clark stated he knew there was a lot of work to be done and he is looking forward to rolling his sleeves up and doing the hard work. Mr. Clark stated that he is a product of Memphis, and Christian Brothers University. Mr. Clark stated that he is honored and privileged to take this opportunity and moving to increase reliability and resiliency.

President McGowen requested Chandrika Rosser to come to the podium. President McGowen stated that Mrs. Rosser is currently the Director of Safety for Memphis Light, Gas & Water, and the data is clear. President McGowen charged Mrs. Rosser with transforming our culture of safety when he first came to MLGW after a couple of tragedies in the previous year. President McGowen informed the Board that they had just reviewed our performance in safety this past year, and all of our safety metrics were in the green and improving. President McGowen went on to give some accomplishments achieved under Mrs. Rosser's direction. President McGowen announced the Chandrika Rosser has been selected as Vice President of Water and Gas.

Mrs. Chandrika Rosser stated that she was honored and grateful for the opportunity, and thanked Jackie, Alonzo and the team for instilling the trust in her to get the job

done. Mrs. Rosser also thanked Nick and Quinton for setting the stage. Mrs. Rosser stated that she had been with the company for 27 years and that she had been in electric, gas, water and most recently, safety. Mrs. Rosser stated that she is looking forward to the opportunity and empowering her people to get the job done.

President McGowen thanked the Communications Team and the Facilities Maintenance Team for the changes made to the Board Room.

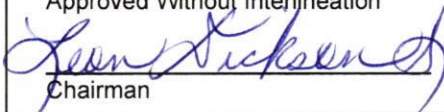
Commissioner Person asked that the group over the cleaning contracts come back in 90 days and give the Board an update as to the performance of the cleaning company. President McGowen stated that we would definitely do that.

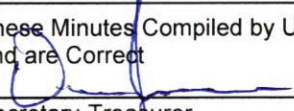
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. (See Minute File No. 1491)

Approved Without Interlineation

Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned
and are Correct

Secretary-Treasurer