

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

November 2, 2011

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Open Meetings Act Notice
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting, October 5, 2011
5. President's Report

S & E 6. Gas and Water Main Extensions

- C & O**
7. Capital Expenditures for Approval
 8. Bids on Materials and Contracts
 9. Report on Purchases Between \$10,000 and \$20,000
 10. Acceptance of Contract and Payment of Final Estimates
 11. Change Order No. 1 - Florence WTP Phase I Improvements Earthwork Package

- J & L**
12. Surplus Property - 28th and Chandler Rd. Gas Regulator Station
 13. Consideration of Including all Franchise Areas Within District Boundaries

- PERSONNEL**
14. Group Insurance Contract Renewals
 15. Promotional Increases
 16. Ratification of SPA Employment

- BOARD**
17. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion
 18. Special Board Meeting, November 23, 2011
 19. Collective Bargaining Strategy Session/Litigation (CLOSED SESSION)

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT OF OMAHA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Approved by the Board
November 23, 2011

November 2, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha met in the Board Room of the Headquarters Building at 1723 Harney Street in regular session at 9:20 a.m. on November 2, 2011.

Advance notice of the meeting was posted on the first floor of the Headquarters Building from October 5, 2011 to November 2, 2011. Notice of the meeting was published in the Omaha World-Herald on October 23, 2011. The agenda of the meeting was available for public inspection at the office of the Secretary and President and copies were delivered to Board Members on October 28, 2011.

AGENDA NO. 1
ROLL CALL

Chairperson Friend called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. On roll call vote, the following members were present:

Tom Dowd
Dave Friend
Jack Frost
Steve Patterson
Amy Lindsay
Tim Cavanaugh
Mike McGowan
Doug Clark, Secretary

Also present were various members of the staff, representatives of Local Union IBEW #1521, and members of the public.

AGENDA NO. 2
OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Chairperson Friend advised those in attendance that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Board Room.

AGENDA NO. 3
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Friend welcomed those who cared to participate to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA NO. 4
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2011

Mr. Frost moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 5, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136754

AGENDA NO. 5
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Clark presented the President's Report discussing the highlights for the month, including budget variances on gas and water, year-to-date payroll and overtime statistics, unfilled position report, and degree-days. There were four new crossbores to report for a total of 23. Mr. Clark gave updates on the infrastructure statistics. Fueling activities have continued to increase at the CNG stations. He discussed how positive the NGVA Conference was he attended last week. Mr. Clark would like the District to consider requesting that vendors doing business with us be required to go to an alternative fleet when working with us.

AGENDA NO. 6
GAS AND WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

Mrs. Lindsay moved for approval of Mr. Keep's letter to the Committee dated October 19, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Frost and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136755

AGENDA NO. 7
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Frost moved for approval of Mr. Keep's letter to the Committee dated October 19, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136756

AGENDA NO. 8
BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

Mr. Frost moved for approval and rejection of the bids as set out in Mr. Goodwin's letter to the Committee dated October 25, 2011, which was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136757

AGENDA NO. 9
REPORT OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$20,000

Mr. Frost requested that this report be placed on file.

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136758

AGENDA NO. 10
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

Mr. Frost moved for approval of Mr. Keep's letter to the Committee dated October 24, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Dowd and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136759

AGENDA NO. 11
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – FLORENCE WTP PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS EARTHWORK PACKAGE

Mr. Frost moved for approval of Mr. Koenig's letter to the Committee dated October 19, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136760

AGENDA NO. 12
SURPLUS PROPERTY – 28TH AND CHANDLER ROAD GAS REGULATOR STATION

Mr. Dowd moved for approval of Mr. Bucher's letter to the Committee dated October 25, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136761

AGENDA NO. 13
CONSIDERATION OF INCLUDING ALL FRANCHISE AND ADJACENT AREAS WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Mr. Dowd moved for approval of Mr. Bucher's letter to the Committee dated October 25, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136762

AGENDA NO. 14
GROUP INSURANCE CONTRACT RENEWALS

Mr. McGowan moved for approval of Mr. Hemschemeyer's letter to the Committee dated October 26, 2011, which was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136763

AGENDA NO. 15
PROMOTIONAL INCREASES

Mr. McGowan moved for approval of Mr. Hemschemeyer's letter of November 2, 2011 to the Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136764

AGENDA NO. 16
RATIFICATION OF SPA EMPLOYMENT

Mr. McGowan moved to approve the authorization to hire and ratification of one SPA employee as set out in Mr. Hemschemeyer's letter to the Committee dated November 2, 2011. This was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136765

AGENDA NO. 17
OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairperson Friend asked if there were any other matters of District business for discussion. Ray Somberg, President and Executive Director of First Responders Critical Support Foundation, spoke to the Board. He explained the role of the Foundation and their Operation Home Safe Outreach program. Mr. Somberg is asking for permission to have a flyer put in the District's billing from the Foundation informing customers of the Outreach program. All costs would be incurred by the Foundation. District staff will evaluate what size of insert would work to not increase postage.

Jeff Villotta, owner of a building at 5024 William Street, addressed the Board. He purchased this building in August and called the District to tell of existing pipes suspending from the roof back to the gas meter. The District deemed the current set up unsafe and the cost to move the pipes would be \$2,400. Engineering offered to split the cost and would set up a low interest loan for Mr. Villotta's half if needed. Mr. Villotta would like the District to cover the entire expense. Mr. McGowan asked that this matter be placed on the agenda of the November 23, 2011 Special Board Meeting for vote.

Mr. McGowan stated he would like performance reviews to be done by yearend. He also requested that senior staff's 2012 Goals be presented at the January 2012 meeting.

AGENDA NO. 18
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 23, 2011

The Committee Meetings will be held at 8:15 a.m. and the Special Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Regular Board Meeting on December 7, 2011 will cover the 2012 Budget and any other necessary items.

AGENDA NO. 19
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (CLOSED SESSION)

At 10:04 a.m., Mr. Patterson made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the collective bargaining strategy and litigation. Seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136766

At 10:55 a.m., Mr. Frost made a motion to return to open session, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136767

At 10:56 a.m., Mr. Frost made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Dowd, Friend, Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136768

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



Douglas R. Clark, Secretary

DRC/sms