

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

August 28, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ron Ferris, Chair
Robert Weisman, Vice Chair
John D’Agostino, President Pro-Tem
David Dyess, Member
Karen Marcus, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Nat Nason, General Counsel
Rim Bishop, Executive Director
Jessica Moore, Authority Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Samadi of 512 Marlin Rd., North Palm Beach, addressed the board. He informed the board that he believes the water is too hard, as it leaves numerous white spots after it dries, which means the quality of the water can be improved.

He also informed the board that the time it took for someone to locate a sewer line recently is unacceptable. He stated that callers are referred to a third party website. In this case, when Seacoast’s locator arrived, they marked a single 6” water main, which was not what was requested. Eventually, he had to text a manager and the issue was finally resolved. Mr. Samadi wants the board to know that this is the quality of service Seacoast provides.

PROCLAMATION NO. 3-2024, A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER JOHN D’AGOSTINO

Proclamation No. 3-2024 was read by Authority Chair Ron Ferris, recognizing the retirement of President Pro-Tem John D’Agostino.

Mr. D’Agostino thanked everyone, stating that the Authority Board is very enjoyable to work with. He believes that what the Authority does is always in the best interests of its customers. After 9.5 years, he is retiring. He appreciates the proclamation, wishes everyone the very best, and hopes his replacement will continue to work cooperatively with the Authority.

*****OPENED PUBLIC WORKSHOP*****

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AN INDEXED 5.2% INCREASE TO OCTOBER 1, 2023 WATER, SEWER, AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES, INCLUDING LOW-PRESSURE SEWER AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION ASSESSMENTS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024; AUTHORIZING LINE-ITEM BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Board Comment/Deliberation

There were no comments from the board.

B. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/D’Agostino moved to approve Resolution No. 3-2024, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

*****CLOSED PUBLIC WORKSHOP*****

*****DETERMINED THE CONSENT AGENDA*****

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Considered a motion to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 24, 2024

Considered motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 24, 2024

CONTRACT AWARDS

A. EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

1. Water/Wastewater Treatment Chemicals – Liquid Chlorine, Sodium Hypochlorite, Anhydrous Ammonia

Considered a motion to reject bids for Anhydrous Ammonia and to award bid for Water/Wastewater Treatment Chemical – Liquid Chlorine to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will be serve the public interest, in the amount of \$1,504.00/ton, estimated annual cost of \$1,285,000.00 and to award bid for Water/Wastewater Chemical – Sodium Hypochlorite to Allied Universal, the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will best serve the public interest, in the amount of \$1.68 per gallon, estimated annual cost of \$437,000.00, as recommended by staff.

B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Old Donald Ross Road Low-Pressure Force Main Extension – Construction Services, Change Order No. 1 (N2384)

Considered a motion to approve Old Donald Ross Road Low-Pressure Force Main Extension – Construction Services, Change Order No. 1 to Eastern Pipeline in the amount of \$164,797.55 with a budget transfer of \$104,035.00 from R2314 – 30-inch Force Main and 24-inch Reclaimed Water Main Installation at I-95, as recommended by staff.

STAFF INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Considered a motion to approve Staff Interdepartmental Budget Transfer Authority and waive \$100,000.00 transfer limitation as established by Administrative Procedure AP/89-09 for the purpose of reconciling the FY23-24 Operating and Capital Expense Budgets, provided that such transfers do not exceed the overall FY23-24 board-approved Operating and Capital Expense Budgets, as recommended by staff.

ANNUAL SPECIALITY VENDOR REVIEW

Considered a motion to receive and file staff’s Annual Speciality Vendor Review in accordance with Administrative Procedure AP89-03, as recommended by staff.

BILL OF SALE ACCEPTANCE, ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS SEWER FORCE MAIN

Considered a motion to accept Bill of Sale Acceptance, St. Paul of the Cross Sewer Force Main from the Diocese of Palm Beach, for a 3,500 ft. segment of sewer force main, as recommended by staff.

MOTION

Board Members D’Agostino/Marcus moved to approve the consent agenda, as recommended by staff.

Board Member Karen Marcus thanked staff for diligently working with St. Paul of the Cross to provide access to sewer service to MacArthur Beach State Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

*****ENDED CONSENT AGENDA*****

WATER AND RECLAIMED WATER MAIN RELOCATION, FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT PARCEL – CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (R2179)

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Marcus moved to award contract for Water and Reclaimed Water Main Relocation, Florida Inland Navigation District Parcel – Construction Services (R2179) to Deevan Incorporated, the lowest responsive bidder whose bid best serves the public interest, in the amount of \$689,021.00 with a supporting budget transfer of \$189,025.00 from R2394 Juno Isles Water Main Replacement Phase 2, as recommended by staff.

PGA WWTP RETURN AND WASTE ACTIVATED SLUDGE PUMP STATIONS REPLACEMENT (R2372) – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/D’Agostino moved to award PGA WWTP Return and Waste Activated Sludge Pump Station Replacement (R2372) construction contract to Florida Design Drilling, LLC, the lowest responsive bidder whose bid best serves the public interest, in the amount of \$5,415,000.00 as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

CRYSTAL POINTE FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (R2472)

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/D’Agostino moved to award contract for Crystal Pointe Force Main Replacement, Construction Services to Jamie Underground, Inc. the lowest responsive bidder whose bid will best serve the public interest in the amount of \$428,105.00, with a budget transfer of \$127,125.00 from R2314 – 30-inch Force Main and 24-inch Reclaimed Water Main Installation at I-95, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

DESIGN BUILD AUTHORIZATIONS

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/D’Agostino moved to approve the following Design Build Authorizations in the aggregate amount of \$2,945,294.00, including supporting budget transfers in the amount of \$2,945,295.00, as recommended by staff.

Project	Firm	Amount
Lilac Street Repump Facility Motor Control Center Replacement (R2419)	Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.	\$229,605.00
Hood Road Water Treatment Plant Louver and Exhaust Fan Replacement (R2351), CO No. 2	Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.	\$15,689.00
Pirates Cove Water Main and Low-Pressure Force Main Improvements (R2425)	CES, Inc.	\$2,700,000.00

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

All Authority Board members wished Mr. D’Agostino well.

STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated the engineer's report and the financial report were in the packet. Chief Operations Officer Brandon Selle was present for any engineer report questions. Chief Financial Officer Daniela Russell was present virtually for any financial report questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Ron Ferris adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:10 PM.

APPROVAL:

RON FERRIS, CHAIR

ROBERT WEISMAN, VICE-CHAIR

DAVID DYESS, MEMBER

KAREN MARCUS, MEMBER

BAMBI MCKIBBON-TURNER, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK