



# Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Water Commissioners

735 Randolph  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Wednesday, July 22, 2015

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

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## Regular Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Blackmon called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner J. Bryan Williams, Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Michael Einheuser

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Fred Barnes

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner James Fausone

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Blackmon requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Blackmon requested approval of the minutes from the meetings of June 10, 2015 and June 24, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**

Eddie Sanders of the International Famine Relief Fund came before the Board to initiate a proposal for a methane gas processing plant that could also provide additional revenue to the Department. Mr. Sanders was referred to staff.

Deborah Burse-Trice of 14409 Linnhurst came before the Board regarding her water bill and meter. Ms. Burse-Trice was referred to customer care.

Cindy Darrah of 492 Peterboro came before the BOWC in opposition of the biosolids dryer facility project but since its completion, suggested that the Department initiate the start up. She also encouraged the Department to design a better system and provide water for all.

Muffaq Alshammari of 6848 Warrick St came before the Board regarding his water bill. Mr. Alshammari was referred to customer care.

Commissioner Barnes joined the meeting at 2:21 PM.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Wendy Barrott, General Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, provided an update of the biosolids facility.

Commissioner Forte reported that the Finance Committee held its meeting on July 22, 2015 and discussed bond refunding, Detroit City Council Rates, finance performance report for FY 2015, state revolving loan and grant, and wholesale customer contracts assignments to GLWA.

Commissioner Forte reported that the Organizational Management Development and Human Resources (OMD/HR) committee met on July 7, 2015 to discuss the water affordability, placement eligibility process, DWSD-R progress, and the GLWA/DWSD-R implementation. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Barnes reported that the ORCAP committee met on July 9, 2015 and that he would address the items as they appear on the agenda.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

[15-1079](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase in contract price not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to DWSD Contract No. CS-1522 “Green Infrastructure (GI) Program 2013-2018” with Tetra Tech of Michigan, P.C. (Consultant)**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Barrott

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1080](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Small Capital Project No. SCP-SP-009 "Springwells Water Treatment Plant 1958 Sedimentation Basin No. 8 Improvements" with Weiss Construction Company, LLC (Contractor)**, at a cost not to exceed \$791,000.00 for a duration of 180 calendar days, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Daniel

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1082](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant a contract time extension of thirty-six (36) months with a price increase not-to-exceed \$675,000.00 for proposed Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. CS-1499, “General Engineering Services”, METCO Services, Inc. (Consultant)**, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Daniel

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1083](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant a contract time extension of thirty-six (36) months with a price increase not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for proposed Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. CS-1488, “As-Needed Engineering Services for Concrete Testing, Geotechnical Soil Borings, Other Testing Services and Related Services”, Somat Engineering, Inc. (Consultant)**, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Olson

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract, Change Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract, Change Order, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1084](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant a contract time extension of twenty-four (24) months with a price increase not-to-exceed \$1,357,000.00 for proposed Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. CS-1432A, “General Engineering Services”, Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull, Inc. (Consultant)**, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Daniel

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Change Order, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1085](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant a contract time extension of twelve (12) months with a price increase not-to-exceed \$2,651,945.00 for proposed Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. CS-1654, “WAM Support and Enhancement Services”, HP Enterprises, Inc. (Consultant)**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Rainey

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1088](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Lease Agreement LA-87-22 Amendment No. 4, "Fighting Island Southwest Water Treatment Plant Intake - Water Lot 4142" with the Province of Ontario (Lessor) at a cost not-to-exceed \$47,250.00 for a duration of twenty (20) years**, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to further accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Daniel

**Attachments:** [Lease Agreement No. 4](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Lease Agreements be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Lease Agreements, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1089](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Small Capital Project No. SCP-SW-011 "Miscellaneous Heating Improvements at Southwest Water Treatment Plant" with Detroit Contracting Inc. (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$518,000.00 for a duration of 180 calendar days**, and also authorizes, the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter and Daniel

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1090](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners authorizes the Director to **enter into RFP No. 50141 “Bill Printing and Mailing Services” with Utilitec at a cost not to exceed \$5,554,146.00 for a duration of three (3) years with two (2) - one (1) year renewal options** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Latimer

A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1092](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **authorizes the Director to execute a License Agreement for Private Grade Crossings between Consolidated Rail Corporation and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Wolfson

**Attachments:** [Conrail Memorandum of License Agreement 6-5-2015](#)  
[Conrail License Agreement- 6-6-15 Execution Copy](#)  
[Revised attachments to DWSD BOWC Memo of 6-9-20...](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Real Estate Easement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Contract, Real Estate Easement, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1093](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners authorizes the Director **to execute an Agreement and Grant of Easement between Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and Consolidated Rail Corporation** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Wolfson

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A to Conrail License and Easements](#)  
[Easement-Conrail 6-5-15 Execution Copy](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract, Real Estate (Other) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Forte that this Contract, Real Estate (Other), be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

## 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[15-1096](#)

Director's Report of July 22, 2015

**Attachments:** [Director's Report - July 22, 2015](#)

## 10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

## 11. COMMENTS BY THE VICE CHAIR

None.

## 12. OTHER MATTERS

None.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser



There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.