



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

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Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Wednesday, August 26, 2015

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

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## Regular Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Fausone called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Commissioner James Fausone, Commissioner Fred Barnes, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner J. Bryan Williams and Commissioner Michael Einheuser

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner John Henry Davis

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pulled from the agenda: Item 15-1111 CS-1396 Change Order No. 6  
"Comprehensive Water Audit"

**A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Barnes that this be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**approved as amended**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Davis

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis joined the meeting at 2:05 PM.

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

**approved**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Davis

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

Commissioner Davis joined the meeting in person at 2:11 PM.

Diane Bukowski, expressed her opinion and concern over the Wastewater Treatment Plant staffing and maintenance cuts. She also commented that residents' water is being shut off without notice.

Celeste Rogers, 2608 Manistee, Account 650-2420.300 over two years DWSD has sent notices that there is a leak at her home. She has hired three professional plumbers, which have not found leaks. She is still getting high bills even though the water is off. Ms. Rogers disputed the billing charges.

Deputy Director Latimer explained that leak letters are sent out to notify customers of 24-hours continuous water use. DWSD will send somebody out to ensure the equipment is working properly - not to check leaks. He assigned a representative to investigate her billing concern.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS****7. OLD BUSINESS****8. NEW BUSINESS**[15-1102](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. WS-700 “Repair of Water Main Systems: Various Pipe Sizes at Various Locations Throughout the City of Detroit” with Evergreen Civil, LLC (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$5,314,492.00 for a duration of 540 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 Olson

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

**approved**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1103](#)

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-PC-015 "Replacement of Overhead Doors at the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)" with W-3 Construction Company, (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$514,800.00, for a duration of 210 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

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

**approved**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1104](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into RFQ No. 50815 "Software and Maintenance Services for PIMS and PIMS/LIMS Interface System" with Inflection Point Solutions, at a cost not to exceed \$116,000.00 for a one (1) year period**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Porter

**Attachments:** [RFQ 50815 Bid Tabulation](#)  
[RFQ 50815 Sole Source Letter](#)  
[RFQ 50815 Sole Source Justification](#)

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

**approved**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1105](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. CS-1656, “Professional Engineering Services for Water Plant Production Flow Measurement and Related Facility Improvements” with Applied Science, Inc. (Consultant), at a cost not to exceed \$970,158.00 for the duration of forty-two (42) months**, 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:**

**approved**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

[15-1106](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into RFQ No. 50478 “Preventative Maintenance and Repair Service for Standby Generators” with MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. /dba/ Michigan CAT, in the amount of \$458,862.00 for a duration of one (1) year, with two (2) - one (1) year renewal options at a cost of \$458,862.00 for each renewal option**, 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

**Attachments:** [RFQ 50478 Bid Tabulation](#)  
[RFQ 50478 Vendors List](#)

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

**approved**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser

## 9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Prior to giving her report, Director Sue McCormick introduced to the Board the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's first Chief Planning Officer, Suzanne Coffey.

[15-1113](#)

Director's Report of August 26, 2015

**Sponsors:** McCormick**Attachments:** [Director's Report - August 26, 2015](#)**10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Williams - tomorrow I expect to forward a letter of resignation, to the Mayor and Water Resource Commissioner Jim Nash, in which I will resign from the Board of Water Commissioners effective as of tomorrow (August 27, 2015), due to conflict of interest with my law firm Dickinson Wright.

Commissioners' response in brief:

Commissioner Forte - Commissioner Williams can be described as concerned, caring, committed. I thank him for lending his services to the Board. All the best.

Commissioner Barnes - Thank you for your service, Commissioner Williams. I always appreciated his insightful comments and straightforwardness.

Commissioner Blackmon - Commissioner Williams was hard to get to know, but worth it. We appreciate the time and the energy that you've shown to the customers in this region.

Commissioner Einheuser - It's been a pleasure serving. You will be missed.

**11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chairman Fausone read excerpts from a formal testimonial resolution from the Board to Commissioner J. Bryan Williams.

Fausone also commented, Commissioner Williams was a strong advocate of the committee structure, which ensures items are reviewed before coming to the Board. We all know Bryan always has done his homework. He comes into meetings having read and digested his packet. He is a good example to all. Always willing to ask the tough questions. Bryan worked between the meetings - a part of what made this Board work. He is a supporter of the bio-solids and regionalization and a supporter of changes in our procurement policy.

I want to thank him for his time and effort.

**12. OTHER MATTERS**

**This was None.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Fausone requested a motion to adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Barnes that this be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**adjourned**

**Aye:** 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Einheuser