



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

735 Randolph
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

1:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Special Meeting No. 3 and Continued Public Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fausone called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner James Fausone, Commissioner Fred Barnes,
Commissioner J. Bryan Williams and Commissioner John Henry Davis
Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mary Blackmon

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Williams
and Commissioner Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

Commissioner Forte join in the meeting at 1:05 PM.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Ms. Melissa Damaschke, representative of the Sierra Club, came before the Board asking the Department to implement green infrastructure during pipe and sewer main replacements. The Sierra Club suggested that the Department consider replacing some drinking water pump stations and water plants with green roofing systems, and consider energy management as a category under the water CIP. Ms. Damaschke stated the Sierra Club supports the DWSD solids handling project. She asked if the 83-retail/17-suburban division for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) improvement projects would still apply as the Authority transitions.

Ms. Rita Ross, representative of the Dexter/Elmhurst Community Center at 11825 Dexter Avenue came before the Board regarding the water bill. Ms. Ross was referred to the customer care group.

Ms. Cindy Darrah, citizen, came before the Board to inquire about a F.O.I.A. submitted to the Law Department regarding the Senior Chemist overtime pay at WWTP.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS - Continued Public Hearing - Ms. Nicolette Bateson, Chief Financial Officer provided a brief overview on the following documents:

[15-1026](#)

Budget/CIP/Rates

Sponsors: Bateson

Attachments: [Recap FY 2015-16 BUDGET Revenue 3-4-2015](#)
[CIP BOWC Update Presentation 3-4-2015](#)
[Water FY2016 CIP 3-3-2015](#)
[Water FY2016 CIP Highlights 3-3-2015](#)
[SEWER FY2016 CIP 3-3-2015](#)
[SEWER FY2016 CIP Highlights 3-3-2015](#)

Public Hearing Comments

Ms. Cindy Darrah came before the Board with several concerns: 1) would Board meetings ever be broadcasted, 2) had the Stay been lifted on labor unions; 3) how many people and what are the labor costs when contractors rehire retired employees; and 4) will the Department receive its \$153 million if the NEFCO Dryers do not work?

Ms. Melissa Damaschke, representative of the Sierra Club came before the Board with concern about the rate increases and that the Department implement an affordable plan. The Sierra also suggested that the Department include in the drainage charge system green rewards for greening efforts.

Mr. James Taylor, Director of Public Works-Van Buren Township came before the Board to support the recommended Scenario No. 2 by DWSD Management.

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

None.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

None.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

March 11, 2015 Continued Public Hearing

12. OTHER MATTERS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.