



LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) met via WebEx (BWL Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI) on Thursday, June 17, 2021. The meeting was Publicly Noticed for 5:30 p.m.

Event Address for Attendees for Special Board Meeting:

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Chairperson David Price called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Corporate Secretary Griffin called the roll.

The following Commissioners were present via audio/video:

David Price remotely, Lansing, MI	Stuart Goodrich remotely, Holt, MI
Douglas Jester remotely, East Lansing, MI (arrived@5:33 p.m.)	DeShon Leek remotely, Lansing, MI
David Lenz remotely, Lansing Township, MI	Tony Mullin remotely, Lansing, MI
Larry Merrill remotely, Delta Township, MI	Ken Ross remotely, Lansing, MI
Tracy Thomas remotely, Lansing, MI	Sandra Zerkle remotely, Lansing, MI

Absent: Commissioner Beth Graham

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

Commissioner Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MEETING PURPOSE:

Consider a Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative

Chair Price stated that he called for this Special Board meeting as requested by General Manager Peffley to consider a Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Water System Improvements and

Designating an Authorized Project Representative. Chair Price gave the floor to General Manager (GM) Dick Peffley to present the resolution.

General Manager Peffley stated that the resolution before the Board is for a grant from the State of Michigan, EGLE Department that will offset costs of three of BWL's water projects that have already been budgeted. The BWL cannot apply for the grant without the approval of the Board of Commissioners, in other words, approval of this resolution will allow the Administration to apply for the grant. Once approved the BWL will then review the components in the grant to determine whether it is propitious for the company. If accepted and the BWL moves forward with pursuing the grant, Commissioners will be updated and provided with details at a September Committee or Board meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-06-01

A Resolution Adopting a Final Project Plan for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative

WHEREAS, the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) is seeking low interest funding to assist in its efforts to improve existing water treatment and distribution systems through the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality's (EGLE) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF); and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the DWSRF Loan Program, municipalities applying for DWSRF loans are required to submit to EGLE an adopted Project Plan (Project Plan) describing the proposed improvement to existing water treatment and distribution systems program projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project Plan is for the replacement of aging water main, valves, associated fire hydrants and appurtenance located within the City of Lansing's Combined Sewer Separation Areas of 034D, 034E and 015S to improve water quality and reliability and to improve flow efficiency and public health protection; and

WHEREAS, the Project Plan for water main replacement will be in partnership with the City of Lansing's Combined Sewer Overflow project; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing board of Water and Light authorized Fishbeck to prepare a Project Plan, which recommends the construction of the following three (3) project areas:

- CSO Subarea 034D Sewer Separation Project; and
- CSO Subarea 034E Sewer Separation Project; and
- CSO Subarea 015S Sewer Separation Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the three (3) project areas is \$ 19.2 Million; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Project Plan was held on June 7, 2021 and no public comments were received for consideration; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing Board of Water and Light formally adopts the Project Plan and agrees to implement the selected alternative - Alternative 1 – Open cut water main replacement in conjunction with City of Lansing Combined Sewer Overflow project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water Distribution Principal Engineer, a position currently held by Michael Lehtonen, P.E., is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternative.

Motion by Commissioner Mullen, **Seconded** by Commissioner Leek to approve the Resolution for Adopting a Final Project Plan for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative.

Yeas (names of Members voting Yes): Commissioners David Price, DeShon Leek, David Lenz, Tony Mullen, Ken Ross, Tracy Thomas, and Sandra Zerkle.

Nays (names of Members voting No): None

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted by Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners (the governing body of the applicant) on June 17, 2021.

BY: M. Denise Griffin Corporate Secretary
Name (please print or type) Title

M. Denise Griffin June 17, 2021
Signature Date

Commissioner Zerkle asked for confirmation that this resolution was for approval to apply for a grant for projects, that information would be provided to the Board after BWL staff reviewed the grant, and the Board of Commissioners would sign for the grant after the grant was received. GM Peffley confirmed.

MANAGER'S REMARKS/COMMENTS

GM Peffley had no remarks.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Merrill asked for additional information regarding the monthly BWL Executive Report received by email where the reporting stated that there was a violation notice regarding an exceedance of the mercury limit. Commissioner Merrill asked for the significance of this information. GM Peffley responded that all violations are taken seriously, and the Erickson station had a malfunction in the mercury control equipment. General Manager Peffley added that repairing the malfunction involved running the plant to fine tune it and while running the plant for repairs, violations occurred.

Commissioner Leek wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Commissioner Goodrich stated that he appreciated being allowed to participate on the Board this past year.

Corporate Secretary Griffin wished GM Peffley a Happy Birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

Motion by Commissioner Mullen, **Seconded** by Commissioner Leek to excuse Commissioner Graham from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Commissioners David Price, DeShon Leek, David Lenz, Tony Mullen, Ken Ross, Tracy Thomas, and Sandra Zerkle.

Nays: None.

Action: Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.