



The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on December 11, 2013 at Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Dale Gray, P.E. (Chair)  
Mickey Fishbeck  
J. Michael Ohueri

Sarah B. Faust (Vice Chair)  
Chien Lee, P.E.

Christianne Castleberry, P.E.  
William Moriarty, P.E.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Greg Meszaros, David Anders, Chris Chen, Rick Coronado, Dave Juarez, Willy Conrad, Kevin Thuesen, George Jackson, David Shannon, Heather Cooke, James W. King, Bill Stauber, Brian L. Long, Aldo Ranzani, Sharon Smith, Mark Jordan, Madhov Patel, Teresa Lutes, Denise Avery and Felicia Cancino.

**Additional Attendees:**

Jere Locke, Charlene Heydinger, and Tim Arndt

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Greg Meszaros recognized Commissioner Sarah Faust and presented her with a Distinguished Service Award as this was her last meeting as a Commissioner.

**B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Jere Locke with the Texas Drought Project stating that they make the connection between drought and climate change. Mr. Locke spoke primarily about climate change and the willingness to convert Fayette to Natural gas suggesting that there be more discussion regarding climate change.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November 13, 2013 WWC Commission regular meeting minutes were approved on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Faust's second. Commissioners consenting were Castleberry, Fishbeck, Moriarty, Faust and Ohueri. Commissioner Gray abstained due to his absence of the meeting.

**D. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL**

1. Recommend approval to award and execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with **CDM Smith Inc.**, for engineering services related to development of a Master Plan for the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant in the amount of \$400,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,949,832. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 7-0 vote.**

2. Recommend approval to award and execute three 24-month requirements supply contracts for ball and gate valves, cold water meters, and brass fittings for the Austin Water Utility with **HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS**, in an amount not to exceed \$591,932 with two 12-month options in an amount not to exceed \$295,966 per extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,183,864; with **BADGER METER, INC.**, in an amount not to exceed \$223,526 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$111,763 per extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$447,052; and **TEXAS IRRIGATION SUPPLY**, in an amount not to exceed \$109,952 with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$54,976 per extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$219,904. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 7-0 vote.**
3. Recommend approval of a contract with **SOUTHWEST DESTRUCTORS, A DIVISION OF SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTORS, INC.** for the removal of a low water crossing structure and natural area restoration on the Tabor Tract of the Austin Water Utility's Water Quality Protection Lands, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$88,880. **Kevin Thuesen addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Fishbeck's second on a 7-0 vote.**
4. Recommend approval of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with **LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD** for the purchase of one Vactor RamJet in an amount not to exceed \$123,914 and authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative (HGAC) with **LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LTD** for the purchase of nine heavy-duty trucks in an amount not to exceed \$1,291,110. **This item was postponed by staff.**
5. Recommend approval of a 24 month requirements contract through the **State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)** cooperative purchasing program with SHI, Somerset, N.J., for a Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement and software assurance in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,045,392.60 for Year 1 and \$3,045,392.60 for year 2 plus a 20% contingency for annual true-up for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,308,942.24. Austin Water portion of the requested authorization is \$731,462.66. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 7-0 vote.**
6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for Slaughter Lane – **Goodnight Ranch Road Improvement Project**, in the amount of \$25,622.50. **Adewale Odufuye addressed the Commissioner's questions. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Fishbeck's second on a 7-0 vote.**

7. Recommend approval to execute **Change Order #17** to the construction contract with **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, TX** for the Shoal Creek – Allandale Storm Drain Improvements in the amount of \$161,735.08, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,894,196.73. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray’s motion and Commissioner Lee’s second on a 6-0 vote.**

#### **E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

None

#### **F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE**

None

#### **G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

#### **H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS**

1. Briefing on the status of implementing a PACE water/energy efficiency financing district for Austin in accordance with SB 385 from the 83rd Legislative Session  
**Heather Cooke presented the information and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns along with Charlene Heydinger.**
2. Drought Monthly Update  
**Teresa Lutes and Greg Meszaros presented the update and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns.**
3. WTP4 Monthly Report  
**Bill Stauber presented the information and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns.**
4. AWU Monthly Financial Status Report  
**David Anders & Greg Meszaros presented the information and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns.**

#### **I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **J. ADJOURN**

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm without objection.