



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on March 8, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

Chair Lee called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: Chien Lee (Chair), Christianne Castleberry (Vice-Chair), William Moriarty(remote), Jesse Penn, Alex Navarro, Travis Michel, Judy Musgrove, Chris Maxwell-Gaines, Susan Turrieta

Commission Members Absent: Grant Fisher

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
There were no speakers registered to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.
The minutes from the February 8, 2023, regular meeting were approved on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Michel's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Recommend approval to award a contract with **RPM Services, Inc.** for centrifuge repair services for a term of five years, in the amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
3. Recommend approval to execute a contract for liquid ammonium sulfate with **Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC** for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Michel's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.**
4. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for water loss program review, analysis, and optimization with **Black & Veatch Corporation**, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Turrieta's motion and Vice-Chair Castleberry's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.**

5. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for parts and repair services for the process air blower, with **Howden USA Company** for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for parts and services to recondition a 72-inch screw pump with **EWT Holdings III Corp. d/b/a Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC** in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
7. Recommend approval to execute a contract for sodium chloride with **TR International Trading Company**, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,680,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
8. Recommend approval to execute a contract for liquid sulfur dioxide with **DXI Industries Inc.** for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,240,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Michel's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
9. Recommend approval to award and execute a construction contract with **MA Smith Contracting Co., Inc.**, for the Burnet Road Corridor – AE Kramer Site Drainage project in the amount of \$12,088,426.75 plus a \$1,813,264.01 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,901,690.76.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Michel's motion and Vice-Chair Castleberry's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing, Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.
10. Recommend approval to amend two contracts for continued Advanced Meter Infrastructure systems, including meters, meter installation, a data platform, and customer portal, with **Meter Reading Holding, LLC dba Aclara Technologies, LLC or Aclara Smart Grid Solutions, LLC and Vertex U.S. Holdings, Inc. dba VertexOne Software LLC or Watersmart Software Inc**, for an increase in the amount of \$7,934,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$103,000,000, divided between the contractors.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice-Chair Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

11. Discussion of future elections for officer positions for the Water and Wastewater Commission – **Chair Lee reminded commissioners that officer elections will be on the April 19, 2023 Commission agenda.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

12. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Budget Committee members – **Chair Lee stated he wished to re-appoint the current Budget Committee members who are Commissioners Turrieta, Michel, Penn and Fisher, with Commissioner**

Turrieta serving as Chair and Commissioner Michel serving as Vice Chair. Commissioner Fisher will be asked if he plans to continue serving. Up to five Commissioners can serve if others are interested.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

13. Staff briefing on zebra mussels – **Austin Water Operations Manager of Water Treatment Plants, Stephanie Sue presented a briefing. Austin Water Operations Manager of Environmental Engineering and Technical Services, Brian Haws assisted in answering questions.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. Discussion of future agenda items. – **Chair Lee noted pending briefing requests from Commissioner Musgrove who requested a briefing on water plant residuals and the status of Austin Water's Shaw Lane facility, Vice Chair Castleberry's requested briefings on large volume water users and an update on the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project.**

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the April 19, 2023 regular meeting on Commissioner Michel's motion, Commissioner Penn's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Fisher, Navarro and Turrieta absent and one vacancy.