

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021, 3:00 P.M.

ECUA BOARD ROOM

9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Members present: Larry D. Williams, Sr., Vice Chairman
Lois Benson
Dale Perkins
Kevin Stephens (*arrived at approximately 3:04 p.m.*)
David Gaines
Imelda Cromartie
Dean Kirschner
Laurie Murphy
Louis Brown, III

Members absent: Vicki Campbell, Chairman
Pueschel Schneier
Chuck Kimball

Staff present: J. Bruce Woody, Executive Director

ITEM A – CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Larry D. Williams, Sr., Vice Chairman of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Citizens' Advisory Committee, chaired the meeting for Chairman Campbell in her absence.

Mr. Larry D. Williams, Sr., called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Citizens' Advisory Committee to order at approximately 3:01 p.m.

ITEM B – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Benson provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM C – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Perkins added the following item to the agenda under Unfinished Business: Item K(a) Recycling Rates, Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Customers.

A motion was made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Mr. Brown, III, to approve the agenda as presented and amended.

Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM D – OPEN FORUM

(a) Ms. Louise Ritz, former Citizens' Advisory Committee member for the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, 3773 DeLoach Street, Pensacola, Florida, expressed how impressed she was with the ECUA website and thanked Ms. Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer, for providing answers to her questions about recycling.

ITEM E – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the minutes of the Regular Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting of June 15, 2021, as presented.

Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM F – Adoption of General Resolution No. GR21-46

A GENERAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comments:

None.

Motion and Vote:

Motion made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Mr. Kirschner, that the Board adopt General Resolution No. GR21-46.

Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM G – Adoption of General Resolution No. GR21-47

A GENERAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN IONICS, INC., FOR ALUMINUM SULFATE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Comments:

None.

Motion and Vote:

Motion made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Mr. Brown, III, that the Board adopt General Resolution No. GR21-47.

Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM H – Adoption of General Resolution No. GR21-48

A GENERAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AN ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM TANK INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS (TIC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,890 FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR REHABILITATION OF THE PCC TANK; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM RW817 ELEVATED TANK MAINTENANCE.

Comments:

Mr. Woody explained to the Committee that this particular tank is located near Pensacola Christian College (PCC) and that the college's initials are on the tank. In 1991, the ECUA entered into an agreement with PCC for the construction of the tank and part of the terms in the agreement included that PCC would provide the upfront funding for the project in four payments to ECUA. The ECUA then repaid PCC in four payments over a period of four years. The ECUA has a contractual obligation to paint PCC's college initials on two sides of the tank. ECUA has two options for the other two sides of the tank, providing that they meet certain requirements. These requirements include our name, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority and/or emblem/logo or our environmental/mission statement. Mr. Woody further added that we are currently in the early stages of this project and once this contract is awarded, our contractor will inspect the tank and the last phase will be the painting of the tank.

Motion and Vote:

Motion made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Benson, that the Board adopt General Resolution No. GR21-48.

Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM I – Adoption of General Resolution No. GR21-49

A GENERAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COST-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH ESCAMBIA COUNTY FOR THE COST OF WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ON CHEMSTRAND ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND USE OF PROJECT FUNDS.

Comments:

None.

Motion and Vote:

Motion made by Ms. Benson, seconded by Mr. Brown, III, that the Board adopt General Resolution No. GR21-49.

Motion carried 9-0.

ITEM J – Informational Reports

(1) Water Production Report – May 2021

No action required.

(2) Water Reclamation Report – May 2021

No action required.

ITEM K – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Recycling Rates, Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Customers

Mr. Perkins expressed to the Committee his preference for retaining the current rate structure for municipal and commercial customers delivering loads of recyclables to the MRF, based on his understand of how they were initially structured. Mr. Woody acknowledged Mr. Perkins' points and added that ECUA's primary obligation is to be as cost efficient as possible on behalf of the Authority's ratepayers and secondarily for those customers who are outside our jurisdiction but make use of the MRF as a processing center. Mr. Woody further asked that the Board give staff an opportunity to put together facts and figures, which the Board would use in formulating the best and most informed decision regarding policies and concerns about this operation.

ITEM L – NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM M – COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Benson referenced Item I – Adoption of General Resolution No. GR21-49 previously discussed and voted on at this meeting. This Resolution pertains to an interlocal cost-sharing agreement with Escambia County for the cost of water main replacement on Chemstrand Road. Ms. Benson explained that the ECUA has an excellent partnership with the County, which benefits both parties considering that the County oversees stormwater and the ECUA manages sewer expansion. Ms. Benson stated that ECUA works according to the County's schedule when planning projects on which we might "piggyback." Ms. Benson inquired as to how much input ECUA has during the County's planning process, if we take a more active or passive role, and if our staff meets with the County staff to map out the priorities. Mr. Woody answered that on the economic development front, we have an active role but that we largely follow the priorities of the County's Public Works Department as to when projects actually happen. Project schedules generally follow the County's needs as road replacement projects are usually based on their service conditions. Ms. Benson stated that she would like to see our Engineering staff have a routine meeting with their counterparts at the County to hold discussion on some of these issues.

ITEM N – OPEN FORUM

There were no requests to address the Committee.

ITEM O – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Larry D. Williams, Sr., Vice Chairman of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Citizens' Advisory Committee, adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Bruce Woody, P.E.
Executive Director

APPROVED BY THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY
COMMITTEE IN REGULAR SESSION ON _____

- () Without corrections/amendments
- () With corrections/amendments being: