

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY  
MARCH 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Those participating were Board Members Ms. Sylvia Wilson, Dr. Shannah Tharp-Gilliam, Theresa Kail-Smith, Mr. Harry Readshaw, Darrin Kelly, and participating via zoom were Councilman Paul Klein and Representative Emily Kinkead. Also participating in the meeting were Ms. Williams, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Motley-Williams, Ms. Fantoni, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Buys, Ms. Clark Messrs. Michael Lichte, Doug Jackson, Phil Cole (Authority staff), Max Junker (Babst Calland) and Jeff Kent (Maher Duessel).

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments for this meeting

Sylvia Wilson stated there was an Executive Session before the start of this meeting.

Ms. Williams pointed out that ALCOSAN was honored by 'Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania', and awarded for the 'ESWP Water project', Engineering Excellence.

Michael Lichte, Director of Regional Conveyance, presented with a slide presentation explaining the M-29 Outfall Improvements, 2022 ESWP Water and Wastewater Project of the Year. Four Mile Run is a problematic watershed with historic flooding. Michael showed a photo from 2011, which displayed a van in the middle of a flood. Four Mile Run is approximately 2500-acre watershed, third largest in overflows in the ALCOSAN system, discharging 400 million gallons in a typical year. The objective of this project was to restore the structural integrity of the culvert, lower the existing weir to reduce upstream manhole flooding, installation of a flap gate to reduce river intrusion, collaborate with PWSA and ALMONO Hazelwood Green. All M-29 main objectives were successfully met.

Karen Fantoni, Director of Finance, stated that the 2022 Annual Finance Statement Audit. Karen also explained the reasoning to why we do this work because we are required under the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act to have an annual audit completed and also our Trust Indenture to have an annual audit completed as well. ALCOSAN works with the Maher Duessel, a local firm in the state of Pennsylvania, they specialize in the audits for nonprofits of government. The process is started in November, the bulk of their testing in February. Once our financial statements are closed at the end of January, they then provide a draft audit report. The Finance department and members of Maher Duessel met with the ALCOSAN Audit committee who did a thorough review of the financial statements and lastly, the audit is finalized. Jeff Kent from Maher Duessel was present to discuss the results of the finalized audit. Nothing came to their attention related to non-compliance with terms, covenants, provisions of Trust Indentures.

Kimberly Kennedy, Director of Engineering and Construction, presented the 2023 Capital Budget status report through March 8, 2023. ALCOSAN has spent about \$28 million dollars, this year in capital. This is due to heavy construction and the plant expansion, the Environmental Compliance facility, North end, East Headworks, and the big line item is the design of the Ohio River Tunnel, which this is moving toward the 60% design phase.

Report of actions by the Executive Director in approval of construction change orders less than \$30,000.00 and a cumulative total change order value to date of less than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. No. 1, under Contract 1729P, "East Headworks" from SSM Industries, for the amount of \$7,828.00. These costs are associated with repairing the construction manager's trailer drain as well as addressing comments from the City of Pittsburgh's fire alarm permit review. The original amount of the contract was \$934,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$941,828.00.
2. No. 2, under Contract 1729H, "East Headworks" from SSM Industries, for the amount of \$19,721.00. These costs are associated with required ductwork modifications and changes in a fan configuration to meet outside air recirculation requirements. The original amount of the contract was \$1,985,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$2,022,721.00.

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly, and seconded by Dr. Shannah Gilliam, the Board approved the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 23, 2023.

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw, and seconded Dr. Tharp Gilliam, the Board authorized the payment of invoices in excess \$20,100.00, processed during the period of February 14, 2023, to March 8, 2023, and review the summary report of expenses in excess of \$10,900.00, processed during the same period.

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelly the Board has awarded the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1773A "Sheraden Park Ecosystem Maintenance Contract" to Eisler Landscapes at the price of \$198,016.00.

Upon motion Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelley the Board has awarded the following contract:

2. Contract No. 1782 "O&M Building 4th Floor Windows and Roof Parapet Repairs" to Caliber Contracting Services at the price of \$657,800.00, which includes the base contract bid of \$598,000.00 and a 10% contingency of \$59,800.00.

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly and seconded by Shannah Gilliam the Board approved the following change orders that exceed \$30,000, in value or whose cumulative total value with previously approved change orders is greater than five percent of the original contract amount:

1. No. 3, under Contract 1728E, "Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Pipe and RAS Pump Replacement," from Wellington Power Corporation, for the amount of \$36,489.58. These costs are associated with relocation of light fixtures in the central gallery and an intercom box that conflicted with new equipment and piping. Installation of temporary power for condenser units to allow installation of the new masonry wall, and the rotation of knife gate actuators to be operated from new access platforms to improve access safety. The original amount of the contract was \$3,683,000.00. The current value of the contract including this change order is \$3,784,781.92.

Upon motion by Dr. Tharp-Gilliam, and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board authorized the preparation of specifications and advertisement for the bids for the following contract:

1. Contract No. 1789, "Aspinwall Sewer Line Replacement A-78-02 to A-78-04"

*The items denoted with an asterisk (\*) were reviewed by the Green Committee at a publicly advertised meeting on March 16, 2023. The Committee unanimously approved and recommended that these items be submitted to the Board.*

\*Upon motion by Darrin Kelly and seconded by Harry Readshaw the Board approved modification of the Grant Agreements for the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) program by extending the Term of the contract.

\*Upon motion of Dr. Tharp-Gilliam, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board approved the Cycle 8 Program Guidelines in a form recommended by the ALCOSAN Board of Directors, Green Committee.

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw and seconded by Darrin Kelly, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-03-01 authorizing the condemnation of property owned by Holmes Family Limited Partnership, Block and Lot Nos. 9-B-30, 24-P-190, 24- P-192, and 24-P-193, to acquire property needed to implement the Clean Water Plan.

Upon motion of Darrin Kelly and seconded by Dr. Tharp-Gilliam, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-03-02 authorizing the condemnation of property owned by James F. Kline, Block and Lot Nos. 9-B-28, 9-B-29, and 24-P-187, to acquire property needed to implement the Clean Water Plan

Upon motion of Harry Readshaw and seconded by Dr. Tharp-Gilliam, the Board adopted Resolution 2023-03-03 authorizing the condemnation of property owned by Jia Jia Manuel and Aaron Manuel, Block and Lot No. 9-B-24-A, to acquire property needed to implement the Clean Water Plan.

Upon motion of Dr. Tharp-Gilliam, and seconded by Harry Readshaw, the Board accepted the Maher Duessel Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 27, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.