

**Onondaga County Water Authority
Regular Monthly Authority Meeting**
200 Northern Concourse, Syracuse NY
Wednesday May 17, 2023 @12:30 p.m.

Members of the Authority present were J. Bianchini, B. Doran, K. Gardiner, A. Geiss and D. Wickman.

Others present: J. Brown, C. Marvin, G. Miller, J. Stowell, M. Thomas, and A. Weiss.

Guests: D. Knapp and A. Shute

A. Board Meeting

1. D. Knapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. J. Bianchini, Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.
3. On a motion by A. Geiss, duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority authorized an expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 to update and develop the maps, plans and reports to extend the Skyridge Water District and to apply for funding.
4. On a motion by K. Gardiner, duly seconded by A. Geiss, with all Members approving, the Authority approved the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2023 as presented.

B. Executive Session

- On a motion by D. Wickman, duly seconded by A. Geiss, with all Members approving, the Authority adjourned the regular meeting at 12:51 p.m. and moved into Executive session to discuss matters leading to the engagement of a particular company to provide insurance brokerage services.
- On a motion by B. Doran, duly seconded by K. Gardiner, with all Members approving, the Authority adjourned Executive session at 1:49 p.m., and returned to the regular meeting.
- On a motion by J. Bianchini, duly seconded by K. Gardiner, with all Members approving, the Authority authorized the retention of OneGroup NY, Inc. to serve as insurance broker of record for the purpose of obtaining all lines of liability, professional, property, vehicle, and equipment insurance coverage necessary to insure the Authority appropriately and adequately. This will include, but not be limited to, excess liability and failure to supply coverages.

C. New Business

1. A. Weiss reviewed with Authority members proposals for pipeline inspection and evaluation of the 54-inch raw water transmission main. The Authority discussed the technology that will be used to evaluate the condition and integrity of the main. A. Weiss explained that if the data

obtained from this type of examination are beneficial, then the engineering team will consider other areas for inspection.

The proposals are in response to a RFP issued by the Authority, and each proposal was reviewed by the designated selection committee. Based on the review, it is the recommendation of the committee that the Authority enter into an agreement with GHD Consulting Inc for an amount not to exceed \$527,000.

On a motion by A. Geiss, duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority accepted the recommendation of the committee and awarded RFP 2-2023 to GHD as submitted.

- 2. C. Marvin presented to the Authority members a summary of sources and uses of excess available funds. A conversation ensued. D. Wickman inquired about the Board-approved goal for 300 days cash on hand. J. Brown explained that he researched this issue extensively and believes it is an appropriate goal, as days cash on hand is one of the three key metrics evaluated when we bond. Included with the summary was a recommended approach to finance upgrades to the Farrell Pump Station without bonding.
- On a motion by B. Doran, and duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority approved the following recommendations:
 - 1) Every effort will be made to maintain days cash on hand at the Board-approved goal of 300 days.
 - 2) The Farrell Pump Station upgrades, at approximately \$8,000,000, will be funded in the 2024 capital budget using available reserve funds and a portion of the capital reserve.
 - 3) The excess amounts in the 2019 and 2022 construction funds will be utilized to pay for planned main replacements in 2023 and to increase main replacements in the 2024 capital budget.

3. Rights of Way

- *One (1) Right of Way.* On motion by A. Geiss, duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority authorized G. Miller to execute the following:

Project No.	With	For
9004128	Greentree Realty Capital LLC	Longview Phase 2

Main Extension Contracts, & Job Orders

- One (1) contractor main extension and one (1) job orders. On a motion by A. Geiss, duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority authorized J. Brown to execute the following:

Project No.	Developer/Contractor	Job Title	Location	Project Cost
4230007	J. Alberici & Sons Inc	8" extension Timberbanks Section 3, Phase 3 (20 Svs)	T. Lysander	\$48,067.25
9004128	Greentree Realty Capital LLC	8" Extension Longview, Phase 2	T. Lysander	\$42,000.00

4. Expenditure Authorizations

- Were signed without issue.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Micron Engineering Update

A. Weiss updated Authority members on the status of Micron water demands for the proposed chip fab facility. Micron has unique water quality and water quantity requirements. Based on current projections provided by Micron, OCWA is evaluating the potential impacts on our current system and exploring alternatives to traditional water delivery methods. Early analysis indicates that significant system improvements will be necessary, not only to accommodate Micron, but to handle projected growth in the Central New York region.

On a motion by A. Geiss, duly seconded by D. Wickman, with all Members approving, the Authority adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Authority is scheduled for June 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., 200 Northern Concourse, Syracuse.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie S. Stowell
Recording Secretary