

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2015

Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission office with Commissioners Frederick Conklin, Rene Lapierre and Edward Fox present. Commissioners Eric Fox and George Hadley were absent. Also present were Water Superintendent Romeo Mendes, Assistant to the Superintendent Lewis Prescott, IT Coordinator Michael Marseglia, Maureen Smith and a customer from Olney Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Motion to change the order of business and move item 12. Claims – a. Olney Avenue Billing Dispute to the front of the meeting passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

The customer from Olney Avenue addressed the Board regarding the high use of water for her property from August to November of 2014. She advised that she was a new homeowner and that she did not realize that a sprinkler system would use the amount of water that it did. She feels that due to the way the Commission bills, it is not fair as she does not have a way to adjust her usage. She stated that if she knew she was using a lot of water, she would have shut her sprinkler system off. The customer is requesting that the usage be adjusted.

Commissioners offered the customer a payment plan, a meter test at the Commission's expense or a high consumption check at the Commission's expense. The Commission also advised the customer

that the water passed through the meter and that she is responsible for the bill.

The customer stated that she does not feel there is a leak and that the high bill is due to consumption. The customer questioned what would happen if she did not pay the bill. She stated she did not need to be on a payment plan and did not intend to pay the bill.

The customer was advised that non-payment would eventually lead to termination.

Motion to deny request to adjust usage passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Motion to change the order of business and move item 10. Unfinished Business - b. Computer System – RFP-Preliminary Recommendation to the front of the meeting passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Superintendent Mendes handed out a cost comparison of three vendors for the Computer System Upgrade. He is recommending Antrion/SMB to be awarded the bid in the amount of \$40,370.94 as the lowest bidder. Comparisons with the other bidders offer the same hardware, support services and functionality. Antrion is a Gold Certified partner with Microsoft and Cisco.

Motion to award the bid in the amount of \$40,370.94 to Antrion passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Motion to change the order of business and move item 6. Direct Payments and Payables to the front of the meeting passed unanimously. (EF-RL)

Commissioners reviewed the monthly bills.

Motion to approve payment of the January 2015 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$172,773.59 and Direct Payments in the amount of

\$265,732.98 passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Motion to change the order of business and move item 14. Executive Session to the front of the meeting passed unanimously. (EF-RL)

Motion to amend agenda and add 3. Memorandum of Agreement under Collective Bargaining for discussion purposes only passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to seek to adjourn to Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) to discuss Litigation – Handy Pond – Service Repair Fee and Collective Bargaining – Staff Promotions, Coordination with Public Works and Memorandum of Agreement passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PUBLIC VOTE

Motion to Seal the minutes of Executive Session according to RIGL 42-46-7(c) passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

There was no other action taken during Executive Session

Motion to move agenda item 11. New Business – Employee Pension Request and b. Commission Training – Introduction to SCADA to the front of the meeting passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Employee pension request – The Board was presented with a request to allow an employee into the pension system currently being offered. If allowed into the current system, the Commission would have to make payments into the account going back to the date of hire. Interest and penalties will also be charged.

This request led to discussion of forming a new pension plan for current employees.

Motion to deny request to allow employee into the current pension

system offered and work to develop a new pension offering passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

Commission Training – Introduction to SCADA – Superintendent Mendes advised the Board of a training program for SCADA. Training will be held on March 5, 2015 at the Harrisville Fire Department. Cost is \$80.00 per member of ASRWVA. The Superintendent also advised the Board that the Education Budget will be exceeded for the current fiscal year.

Motion to move the remaining agenda items to the March 11, 2015 meeting passed unanimously. (RL-EF)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the February 11, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Lapierre excused himself from the meeting at 6:45 p.m. This left the meeting without a quorum and the meeting adjourned

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m.