

MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
June 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held Wednesday, June 11, 2015, at the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Meeting Room located at 1154 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard T. Schoephoerster, Chair
Ruth Katherine Brennand, Vice Chair
Terri Garcia, Secretary-Treasurer
Mayor Oscar Leeser, Ex-Officio Member
Bradley Roe, Member

PSB MEMBERS ABSENT

Henry Gallardo, Member
Christopher Antcliff, Member

PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Lupe Cuellar, General Counsel

EPWU EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Lowell Stokes, Assistant General Counsel
Alan Shubert, Vice President
Gretchen Byram, Computer Media Specialist
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Javier Camacho, Public Information Specialist
Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer
Michelle LePage, Purchasing Agent
Armando Renteria, Chief Information Officer
Cynthia Osborn, Real Estate Manager/Counsel
Georgette Webber, Executive Secretary

GUESTS

Phil Rothstein, Bath Engineering
Pam Farone, Citizen
Steve Ainsa, AECOM
Aliana Apodaca, Positive Directions
Jim Tolbert, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition
Sean Prailtt, Saab Site Contractors
Enrique Dominguez, Clowe & Cowan
M. Chavez, Citizen
Michael Ancell, CH2M Hill
Yolanda Giner, Gordon, David, Johnson & Shane, P.C.
Taylor Moreno, City of El Paso

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The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Schoephoerster at 1:40 p.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Ms. Marcela Navarrete, Vice President, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Schoephoerster stated there was a request to move the Public Comment session to the front of the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Brennand and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving the Public Comment session to the front of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: THE PSB WILL PERMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA. THE CHAIR MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE TIME LIMITS FOR EACH SPEAKER.

The Board heard comments from Mr. Jim Tolbert of the Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Ms. Brennand, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board took action on the following consent agenda items:

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2015.

The Board approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 13, 2015.

AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE TO FACILITIES CONNECTION, INCORPORATED, UTILIZING THE HAWORTH TXMAS CONTRACT NUMBER 3 711050 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,580.06; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

The Board authorized the purchase of furniture to Facilities Connection, Incorporated, utilizing the Haworth TXMAS Contract Number 3 711050 in the amount of \$101,580.06; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. (Resolution attached)

RATIFIED TIME EXTENSION FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) 12-14, MEDIA BUYING, TO SANDERS/WINGO.

The Board ratified a time extension for one additional year for Request for Qualification (RFQ) 12-14, Media Buying, to Sanders/Wingo.

REGULAR AGENDA

AWARDED BID NUMBER SW23-15, MAGNOLIA STORMWATER FORCE MAIN PHASE 2, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SPIESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,222,640.

Mr. Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). This is a multi-phase project aimed at reducing flooding on Interstate 10. Phase 2 consists of the construction of 1,025 linear feet of 60-inch diameter pipeline and the discharge structure at the Rio Grande. Phase 1 was completed in April 2015 and the upcoming Phase 3 includes the completion of the gravity pipeline into the Piedras-Magnolia pump station. El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) received five bids for the above-mentioned project ranging from \$4,222,640.00 to \$9,448,420.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$6,603,414.91.

The project consulting engineer, CH2M HILL Engineers, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low

bidder and determined that Spiess Construction Company met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria. EPWU Project Administration reviewed the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of the contract for Magnolia Stormwater Force Main Phase 2, Bid Number SW23-15, to Spiess Construction Company in the amount of \$4,222,640. Mr. Trejo and Mr. Balliew addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Brennand and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number SW23-15, Magnolia Stormwater Force Main Phase 2, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Spiess Construction Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$4,222,640.

AWARDED BID NUMBER SW29-15, PICO NORTE POND PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SAAB SITE CONTRACTORS, L.P., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,939,905.74.

Mr. Trejo made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). This project is part of a series of phased improvements to the Lomaland Basin System located in east El Paso. The area is subject to flooding and most of the runoff flows are carried through the street. The purpose of this project will be to increase pond capacity to contain a 100 year runoff event and remove some of the surrounding properties from the flood zone.

EPWU received nine bids for this project ranging from \$1,939,905.74 to \$2,994,825.91. The Engineer's estimate was \$3,339,211. The project consulting engineer, Moreno Cardenas, Inc. evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that SAAB Site Contractors, L.P. met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. EPWU Project Administration evaluated the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of Bid Number SW29-15, Pico Norte Pond Phase I Improvements to SAAB site Contractors as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,939,905.74. Mr. Trejo addressed question from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number SW29-15, Pico Norte Pond Phase 1 Improvements, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, SAAB Site Contractors, L.P., in the amount of \$1,939,905.74.

AWARDED BID NUMBER 30-15, PARTELLO STREET 30-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PHASE 2 FROM HAYES AVENUE TO POLLARD STREET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SAAB SITE CONTRACTORS, L.P., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,717.92; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Trejo made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). As part of EPWU's Drought Contingency Plan, the Partello Street 30-inch water transmission main will allow the transfer of groundwater from Northeast El Paso to Central El Paso. This project is a two-phased project that will extend along Dyer Street and Partello Drive. Phase 1 included the construction of a water main from Hayes Avenue to Porter Street. Phase 2 consists of the installation of the 30-inch water main within Fort Bliss property fronting Dyer Street, from Hayes Avenue to Fred Wilson Boulevard.

EPWU received ten bids for this project ranging from \$686,717.92 to \$1,924,816.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$919,650.00. The bid documents dictate that discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof would be resolved in favor of the correct sum. SAAB's actual bid was \$718,051.21. The mathematical total of their bid was \$686,717.92. SAAB confirmed that they would honor the bid total of \$686,717.92. The project consulting engineer, CDM Smith, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that SAAB Site Contractors met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. EPWU Project Administration evaluated the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of the contract for the Partello Street 30-

Inch Water Transmission Main Phase 2 from Hayes Avenue to Pollard Street, Bid Number 30-15 to SAAB Site Contractors as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$686,717.92. Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Brennan and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 30-15, Partello Street 30-Inch Water Transmission Main Phase 2 from Hayes Avenue to Pollard Street to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, SAAB Site Contractors, L.P., in the amount of \$686,717.92; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

AWARDED BID NUMBER 28-15, HASKELL R. STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIMARY ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION LINES, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, KENDRICK ELECTRIC CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,100; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Trejo made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). EPWU is replacing the chemical scrubbers that were damaged during the fire that occurred in May 2014 at the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. The footprint and height of the new bio-scrubbers requires the relocation of the substation and overhead electric lines that cross over the existing equipment. The purchase of the new electric substation was required due to the electric line relocation, new electric loads, and upgrades required to meet current codes. This contract is to install the new substation and relocate associated power lines.

EPWU received three bids for this project ranging from \$375,100 to \$441,657. The Engineer's estimate was \$403,000. The project consulting engineer, CDM Smith, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined Kendrick Electric met the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. EPWU Project Administration evaluated the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of Bid Number 28-15, Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to Primary Electrical Distribution Lines, to Kendrick Electric as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$375,100.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Brennan and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 28-15, Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to Primary Electrical Distribution Lines, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Kendrick Electric Corporation, in the amount of \$375,100; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

AWARDED BID NUMBER 33-15, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON DESALINATION PLANT ADDITIONAL BACKWASH STRAINER, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, DANNY SANDER CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,850.

Mr. Trejo made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). EPWU has prepared design plans for improvement to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant. The goal of this project is to install a second backwash sand strainer adjacent to the existing strainer. The strainers remove coarse sand from the raw water entering the plant. A second strainer is needed for redundancy to allow for maintenance without disruption to the plant operation. EPWU acquired the strainer and the project scope includes the material, equipment, and labor to successfully install the second strainer.

EPWU received three bids for this project ranging from \$174,850 to \$246,900. The Engineer's estimate was \$209,525. EPWU Project Administration evaluated the Engineer's evaluation matrix and recommended award of the contract for the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant Additional Backwash Strainer, Bid Number 33-15, to Danny Sander Construction as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$174,850. Mr. Trejo and Mr. Balliew addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 33-15, Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant Additional Backwash Strainer, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Danny Sander Construction, Incorporated, in the amount of \$174,850.

APPROVED TASK ORDER NUMBER THREE – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR VISTA DEL SOL PUMP STATION 24-INCH TRANSMISSION WATER LINE TO MORENO CARDENAS, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Trejo made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). In August 2011, the Public Service Board awarded a professional engineering services contract for design phase services to Moreno Cardenas for the Vista Del Sol Pump Station 24-Inch Transmission Water Line project. The project is located in far East El Paso, north of Vista Del Sol Drive, along Loop 375 and south of Montwood Drive. The project is needed to convey water from the Vista Del Sol Pump Station to annexed areas east of Loop 375. The Vista Del Sol Pump Station and associated transmission main will immediately serve as a backup to the Pebble Hills Pump Station. With the continued development of areas east of Loop 375, this water system is needed to meet demand.

EPWU staff worked with the consultant, Moreno Cardenas, to develop the scope of work for the project. A fee proposal associated with this scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the Consultant to come to an agreement on the cost to complete the project. The negotiated construction services fees are in line with the level of effort and hours required to complete the project and include office engineering services, field engineering services, and resident project representative services.

On a motion by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board approved Task Order Number Three – Construction Administration Services for Vista Del Sol Pump Station 24-Inch Transmission Water Line to Moreno Cardenas, Incorporated; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. **(Resolution attached)**

APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT WITH JORDAN FOSTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR FIELD OPERATIONS YARD RELOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,601,213; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM AS NEEDED.

Mr. Alan Shubert, Vice President, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Jordan Foster Construction was awarded a design-build contract on February 11, 2015 with the first amendment on April 8, 2015 for the site work. As part of the contract, Jordan Foster Construction has requested competitive bids for the different aspects of the construction to local subcontractors. This amendment is for the guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the Field Operations Yard and Warehouse.

Jordan Foster Construction received competitive bids on June 3, 2015, and provided a proposal based on those bids. This amendment includes construction of the facilities for the fleet maintenance facilities and the warehouse. EPWU Engineering staff reviewed the proposal and found it to be acceptable. Ms. Marcela Navarrete, Vice President, Mr. Balliew and Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an amendment to the Design-Build Contract with Jordan Foster Construction, LLC, for Field Operations Yard Relocation in the amount of \$15,601,213; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program as needed. **(Resolution attached)**

APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NUMBER ONE – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD OPERATIONS YARD TO ECM INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). EPWU is under a design-build contract with Jordan Foster Construction for the relocation and construction of EPWU's Fleet Operations Yard. This is a critical project that is being fast-tracked and services for a full-time Resident Project Representative are required to ensure quality assurance of the project. A fee proposal associated with this scope of services was submitted, reviewed, and negotiated with the Consultant to come to an agreement on the value to be received for the costs proposed to complete the project. The negotiated construction services fees are in line with the level of effort and hours required to complete the project and consistent with similar work done recently. The construction engineering scope of services was developed based on the construction duration, as anticipated and include project inspection and field engineering services. Mr. Shubert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Ms. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Roe, and unanimously carried, the Board approved an amendment to Task Order Number One – Construction Administration Services for Design-Build Construction of Field Operations Yard to ECM International, Incorporated; and authorized funding through the Commercial Paper Program. (Resolution attached)

RATIFIED TASK ORDER NUMBER ONE – DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE SERVICES FOR GATEWAY PONDS TUNNEL UNDER I-10 TO BROWN AND CALDWELL.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Gateway Stormwater Ponds project is located in Central El Paso. The project consists of the construction of a new tunnel and pipeline across IH-10 to connect two stormwater detention ponds. The project includes the installation of 580 linear feet of tunnel support system and 592 linear feet of 72-inch pipe. Brown and Caldwell was selected as the most qualified engineering firm for this project because of their extensive experience with the engineering design of tunnels nationwide and for EPWU.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified Task Order Number One – Design and Engineering Phase Services for Gateway Ponds Tunnel Under I-10 to Brown and Caldwell.

RATIFIED A PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GATEWAY STORMWATER PONDS PROJECTS TO ARCADIS, INCORPORATED.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Gateway Stormwater Ponds project is located in Central El Paso. Phase I of an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted on the project area in December 2014. The outcome of this assessment required a Phase II Assessment to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) regulations. The Gateway Stormwater Pond Project needs to be completed before the next monsoon season to mitigate flooding. ARCADIS is the engineering consulting firm selected to conduct the Environmental Site Assessment. ARCADIS is a specialized firm in environmental assessments and has successfully completed similar projects for the Phase I of the Gateway Stormwater Ponds Project.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified a Professional Environmental Services Contract for the Gateway Stormwater Ponds Projects to ARCADIS, Incorporated.

RATIFIED CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR ADDITIONAL DEPTH OF WELL COMPLETION FOR EPWU WELL NO. GLO 1A TO UNITED DRILLING, INCORPORATED, FOR AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$211,965 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,286,352.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). EPWU originally planned to complete EPWU Well No. GLO 1A to a depth of 1,030 feet beneath the ground surface based on the limited well data in the area. This data indicated that the depth to water is 240 feet. Water level measurements in GLO 1A indicated that the depth to water is about 840 feet. Due to the significant depth to water in GLO 1A, it was recommended that the well be drilled to a depth of 1,500 feet. The additional depth of the well will allow for a deeper pump installation which is needed for the operation of the pump during the well testing. Costs for the additional depth of the well are based on unit costs established during the quotation process. Mr. Shubert and Mr. Balliew addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Garcia, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified Change Order Number One for additional depth of well completion for EPWU Well No. GLO 1A to United Drilling, Incorporated, for an increased amount of \$211,965 for a total amount of \$1,286,352.

APPROVED THE AVAYA SYSTEM UPGRADE QUOTED BY NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNICATION RESOURCE (NACR) WITH BUY BOARD PRICING THROUGH TEXAS DIR CONTRACT NO. DIR-TSO-2687 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,352.35.

Mr. Armando Renteria, Chief Information Officer, presented information to the Board regarding this item. The existing Avaya telecommunications system hardware and software was installed in 2003 with a subsequent software upgrade performed in 2007. An upgrade is needed at this time to support telecommunication and data projects that require enhanced features not available with the current system configuration. The proposed upgrade will consist of performing Avaya hardware replacements and software upgrades at all twelve utility facilities. Additionally the upgrade will include SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) architecture which is a key component to integrating existing and future telecommunication functionality. NACR (North American Communications Resource) was contacted to provide an Avaya Aura Communication Manager 6.3 system upgrade quotation. A quotation was received with buy board pricing through Texas DIR (Department of Information Resources) Contract No. DIR-TSO-2687.

On a motion made by Ms. Brennand, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Avaya System Upgrade quoted by North American Communication Resource (NACR) with buy board pricing through Texas DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-2687 in the amount of \$240,352.35.

APPROVED REVISIONS TO THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PURCHASING POLICY, SECTION V, SIGNATURE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE TO DELEGATE THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CEO, VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND/OR THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC, FINANCIAL, AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

Mr. Shubert made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). At the April Public Service Board meeting, the Board requested that EPWU staff bring a proposed amendment forward to revise the change order procedure so the PSB was not put in the position of regularly ratifying change orders. Research of the statute governing public purchasing was done and the proposed procedure aligns with statute. Mr. Shubert, Mr. Balliew and Ms. Lupe Cuellar, General Counsel, addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Brennand and unanimously carried, the Board approved revisions to the El Paso Water Utilities Purchasing Policy, Section V, Signature Authority Structure to delegate the approval of Change Orders to the CEO, Vice President of Operations and Technical Services, and/or the Vice President of Strategic, Financial, and Management Services.

ACCEPTED THE ANNUAL HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15.

Mr. Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The PSB adopted a policy to increase Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) participation in 1992. EPWU staff solicits increased participation of small locally owned, minority and women owned businesses which requires mandatory efforts by staff to contact these local businesses in procuring goods and services, and reports on EPWU's progress in this area. Goals have been set by the Board for small locally owned, minority and women owned business participation. Purchasing tracks payments to these vendors through monthly minority businesses activity credit card reports and PeopleSoft Purchasing and Accounts Payable systems. Data is summarized and presented to management and the PSB annually. During his presentation, Mr. Duran provided an overview of HUB participation in the good and services expenditures for FY 2014-15 and covered HUB participation in the amount of construction projects awarded. Mr. Duran addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Ms. Brennand, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Annual Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS: LOOP 375 BORDER HIGHWAY WEST EXTENSION AND COLLECTOR DISTRIBUTOR (CD) LANE PROJECT.

Ms. Lupe Cuellar, General Counsel, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has two projects, the I-10 Collector and Distributor Lane Project and the Extension of the Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project, that require coordination with EPWU because of EPWU infrastructure which is located within the project boundary. During her presentation, Ms. Cuellar presented the Board with background information on both projects and discussed the coordination efforts from EPWU Land and Engineering staff with TXDOT. Ms. Cuellar and Mr. Balliew addressed questions from the Board regarding this item. Dr. Schoephoerster thanked Ms. Cuellar for her presentation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM UPDATE AND REPORT FOR FY 2014-15 AND FY 2015-16.

Mr. Trejo, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Mr. Trejo reviewed the 7-year Capital Improvements Expenditures for the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities. A list of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects completed in Fiscal Year 2014-15 was reviewed. During the review, Mr. Trejo presented the Board with pictures of the various projects and discussed the construction costs and completion dates. There are currently nine projects under construction for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Pictures from the ongoing projects were presented and Mr. Trejo reviewed the construction costs and estimated construction completion dates. An additional six CIP projects have been planned for Fiscal Year 2015-16. They include the Magnolia Stormwater Projects; Partello Street 30-Inch Water Transmission Main Phase 2 project; three elevated storage tanks projects; the Airport Reservoir project; the Airport Runway Reconstruction City project and the Montana/Rio Grande/Arizona Interceptor Project. Mr. Trejo and Mr. Balliew addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

- ***List of Presentations made by Staff:*** Mr. Balliew made a PowerPoint presentation to review the following (copy on file in Central Files): Ms. Christina Montoya, Marketing and Communications Manager served as a speaker at the American Water Works Association ACE 15 Annual Conference. Also Mr. Balliew discussed the group of guests, from Singapore, who toured the Desalination Plant, TecH₂O and Advanced Water Purification Pilot Plant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Brennand, and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session at 3:15 p.m., June 11, 2015, pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.076 to discuss any of the following:

Section 551.071	Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- a. Section 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property
The Board will deliberate regarding the purchase of property located at 2501 Texas, 2505 Texas and 2511 Texas, generally described as Lots 17 thru 22 and a portion of Lots 23 and 24, and Lots 25, 26 & a portion of Lots 23 and 24 in the street, Block 48, Bassett Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas consisting of approximately 25,697 square feet of land including a building of 2,926 square feet.
- b. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
The Board will deliberate regarding the claim of Jason Manchack v. City-EPWU Cause No. 2013-DCV-2834.
- c. Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Deliberation Regarding Potential Economic Development Negotiations for KBH Desalination Plant

On a motion made by Mr. Roe, seconded by Ms. Brennand, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 3:40 p.m., June 11, 2015.

DELIBERATED REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 TEXAS, 2505 TEXAS AND 2511 TEXAS, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 17 THRU 22 AND A PORTION OF LOTS 23 AND 24, AND LOTS 25, 26 & A PORTION OF LOTS 23 AND 24 IN THE STREET, BLOCK 48, BASSETT ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 25,697 SQUARE FEET OF LAND INCLUDING A BUILDING OF 2,926 SQUARE FEET.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Brennand and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the President/CEO to purchase and sign any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase of approximately 25,697 square feet of land including a building approximately 2,926 square feet generally described as Lots 17 thru 22 and a portion of Lots 23 and 24 and Lots 25 and 26 and a portion of Lots 23 and 24 in the street, Block 48, Bassett Addition, an addition to the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas located at 2501 Texas, 2505 Texas and 2511 Texas for the purchase price not to exceed \$210,000.00.

DELIBERATED REGARDING THE CLAIM OF JASON MANCHACK V. CITY-EPWU CAUSE NO. 2013-DCV-2834.

On a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Roe and unanimously carried, the Board approved the settlement of Jason Manchack v. City-EPWU Cause No. 2013-DCV-2834 in the total amount of \$25,500.00 and take any and all further actions necessary to fully and finally resolve the above-referenced suit.

DELIBERATED REGARDING POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR KBH DESALINATION PLANT

No action was taken on this item.

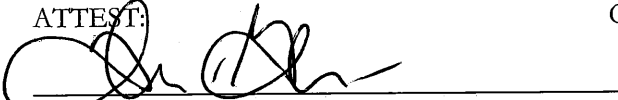
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m., June 11, 2015.



Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER NUMBER 1, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIELD OPERATIONS YARD PROJECT TO ECM INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities has a design-build contract with Jordan Foster Construction for the relocation and construction of El Paso Water Utilities' Fleet Operations Yard. This is a critical, urgent public necessity Project that is being fast-tracked and additional services for a full-time Resident Project Representative are required to ensure quality assurance of the project;

WHEREAS, a fee proposal associated with this scope of services was submitted, reviewed and negotiated with the Consultant to come to an agreement on the value to be received for the costs proposed to complete the Project. The negotiated construction services fees are in line with the level of effort and hours required to complete the Project and consistent with similar work done recently. The construction engineering scope of services has been developed based on the construction duration, as anticipated and include project inspection and field engineering services;

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

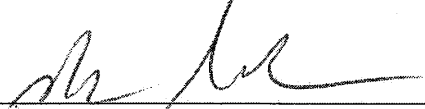
Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves an amendment to Task Order Number 1 for design-build construction of the field operations yard. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute an agreement with ECM International Incorporated for the full-time resident project representative to insure quality assurance of this project.


Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#W7003, Account Number 1214-062, Budget FY 2014-2015, in the amount not to exceed .

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

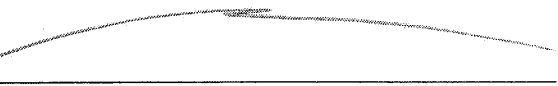
EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD


Richard T. Schoephoerster, PhD, P.E., Chair

ATTEST:


Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Lupe Cuellar, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER 2, FIELD OPERATIONS YARD RELOCATION DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT ABOVE GROUND FACILITIES, TO JORDAN FOSTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Jordan Foster Construction, LLC was awarded a design-build contract on February 11, 2015 with the first amendment on April 8, 2015 for the site work. As part of the contract, Jordan Foster Construction, LLC has requested competitive bids for the different aspects of the construction to local subcontractors. This amendment is for the guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the Field Operations Yard and Warehouse; and,

WHEREAS, Jordan Foster Construction, LLC received competitive bids on June 3, 2015, and has provided a proposal based on those bids. This amendment includes construction of the facilities for the fleet maintenance facilities and the warehouse in the amount not exceed \$12,391,000.00. El Paso Water Utilities staff has reviewed the proposals and found it to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

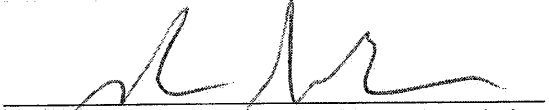
Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.


Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves amendment number 2 for field operations yard relocation design-build contract, above ground facilities to Jordan Foster Construction, LLC and the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute an agreement with Jordan Foster Construction, LLC for the Field Operations Yard Relocation Design-Build Contract amendment 2, above ground facilities project not to exceed \$12,391,000.00.

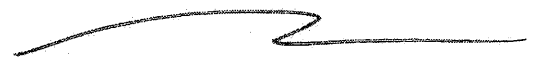
Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#W4082, S6022, W7003, S7002, S4179, 1114, 5279, 1241, 4172, 4231, Account Numbers 1212-034, 1914-011, 1215-044, Budget FY2015-2016, in the amount not to exceed. \$12,391,000.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

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ATTEST:

Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lupe Cuellar, General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER NUMBER 3, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE VISTA DEL SOL PUMP STATION 24-INCH TRANSMISSION WATER LINE PROJECT TO MORENO CARDENAS, INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, this Project is located in the far east area of El Paso, north of Vista Del Sol Drive, along Loop 375 and south of Montwood Drive. This Project is required to make possible the conveyance of water from the Vista Del Sol Pump Station to annexed areas of El Paso east of Loop 375. The Vista Del Sol Pump Station and associated transmission main will also immediately serve as a backup to the Pebble Hills Pump Station. With the continued development of the areas east of Loop 375, this water system Project is required to meet expected demand;

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities Project Management worked with the consultant, Moreno Cardenas, Incorporated to develop the scope of work for the Project. A fee proposal associated with this scope of services was submitted, reviewed and negotiated with the Consultant to come to an agreement on the cost to complete the Project. The negotiated construction services fees are in line with the level of effort and hours required to complete the Project and include office engineering services, field engineering services, and resident project representative services;

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:


Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to sign a contract with Moreno Cardenas, Incorporated for Task Order Number 3, construction administration services for Vista Del Sol Pump Station 24-inch Transmission Water line project.


Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#W4076, Account Number 1011-038, Budget FY2011-2012, in the amount not to exceed.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

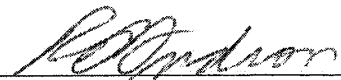
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ATTEST:


Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID 28-15, HASKELL R. STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION LINES PROJECT TO KENDRICK ELECTRIC; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities is replacing the chemical scrubbers that were completely damaged during the fire May 2014 at the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. The footprint and height of the new bio-scrubbers requires the relocation of the substation and overhead electric lines that cross over the existing equipment. The purchase of the new electric substation was required due to the electric line relocation, new electric loads and upgrades required to meet current codes. This contract is to install the new substation and relocate associated power lines;

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities received three (3) bids for this project on May 15, 2015. The bidders ranged from \$375,100 to \$444,657 or 6.92% below to 9.59% above the Engineer's estimate of \$403,000. The Project consulting engineer, CDM Smith, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that Kendrick Electric meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. El Paso Water Utilities' Project Administration has evaluated the Engineer's Evaluation Matrix and recommends award of Bid 28-15, Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements for primary electrical distribution lines, to Kendrick Electric as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount not to exceed \$375,100.

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

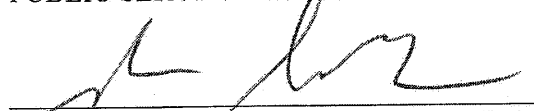
Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

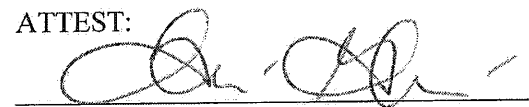
Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves award of Bid Number 28-15, for the primary electrical distribution lines Project to Kendrick Electric Corporation, the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder, meeting the general requirements in the amount not to exceed \$375,100. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute an agreement with Kendrick Electric Corporation, for the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements for primary electrical distribution lines Project.

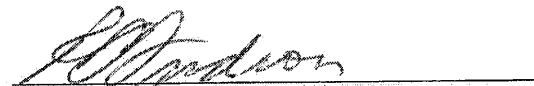
Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#S3021, Account Number 1913-042, Budget FY 2011-2012, in the amount not to exceed \$375,100.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

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ATTEST:

Terri Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF BID 30-15, PARTELLO STREET 30-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PHASE 2 FROM HAYES AVENUE TO POLLARD STREET (the "PROJECT") TO SAAB SITE CONTRACTORS; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, As a part of the El Paso Water Utilities Drought Contingency Plan, the Partello Street 30-inch water transmission main Phase 2 Project will make possible the transfer of groundwater from the Northeast area to the Central area of El Paso. This Project is in two phases and will extend a 30-inch transmission line along Dyer Street and Partello Drive. Phase 1 included the construction of a water main from Hayes Avenue to Porter Street. Phase 2 of the Project consists of the installation of a 30-inch water main within Fort Bliss Property fronting Dyer Street, from Hayes Avenue to Fred Wilson Boulevard;

WHEREAS, El Paso Water Utilities received ten (10) bids for this Project on April 24, 2015. The bidders ranged from \$686,717.92 to \$1,924,816.00 or 25% below to 109% above the Engineer's estimate of \$919,650.00. SAAB's actual bid was \$718,051.21; however, the mathematical total of their bid was \$686,717.92. SAAB confirmed that they would honor the bid total of \$686,717.92. The project consulting engineer, CDM Smith evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that SAAB Site Contractors meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum Project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. EPWU Project Administration has evaluated the Engineer's Evaluation Matrix and recommends award of the contract for the Partello Street 30-Inch Water Transmission Main Phase 2 Project from Hayes Avenue to Pollard Street, Bid 3015 to SAAB Site Contractors as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount not to exceed \$686,717.92.

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and the City Council authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services and this Project is eligible for such Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

Section 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board by this reference for all purposes.

Section 2. That the Public Service Board approves award of Bid Number 30-15, for Partello Street 30-inch water transmission main phase 2 Project from Hayes Avenue to Pollard Street, to the lowest, responsive bidder, meeting the general requirements in the amount not to exceed \$686,717.92. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to execute an agreement with SAAB Site Contractors, for the Partello Street 30-inch water transmission main phase 2 Project from Hayes Avenue to Pollard Street project.

Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of the Project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Funds as approved in CIP#W4082, Account Number 1212-034, Budget FY 2011-2012, in the amount not to exceed \$686,717.92.


PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

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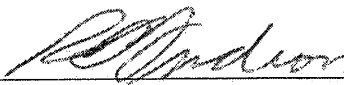


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Richard T. Schoephoerster, PhD, P.E., Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert D. Andron, J.D., General Counsel

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER FOR FUNITURE AND FURNISHING FOR THE NEW FIELD OPERATIONS YARD TO FACILITIES CONNECTION INCORPORATED; AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the new field operations yard is being constructed at Winn Road and Pan American Drive. The furniture including cubicles, desks and chairs need to be upgraded. There will be several offices, a meeting room and several work stations for the technicians that need to be furnished; and,

WHEREAS, Facilities Connection was chosen for this purchase because they have supplied El Paso Water Utilities with these products in the past and have a cooperative purchasing contract that can be utilized by El Paso Water Utilities. EPWU will be purchasing this furniture through the Buy Board Contract, which will provide a significant savings over having Jordan Foster Construction provide the furniture as part of their contract. The furniture contract was competitively bid through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and administered through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) Haworth Contract Number 3-711050; and,

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates and reduce financing costs, the Public Service Board (PSB) and City Council have authorized a Commercial Paper Program to finance PSB construction projects and engineering services

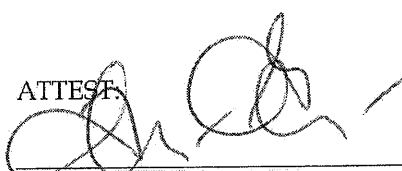
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD of the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities:

Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.


Section 2. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes the President/CEO to enter into a purchase contract with Facilities Connection, Incorporated utilizing the Haworth TXMAS Contract Number 3-711050 for the purchase of furniture and furnishings for the new field operations yard in the amount not to exceed \$101,580.06.

Section 3. That the Public Service Board hereby authorizes funding of this project through the PSB tax-exempt Commercial Paper Program from Commercial Paper Fund as approved utilizing Haworth TXMAS Contract Number 3-711050, Account #1214-062, CIP# W7003, Budget FY 2014-2015 in the amount not to exceed \$101,580.06.


PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Public Service Board of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 10th day of June, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

ATTEST:


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