

**BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and per the Order signed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 12, 2020, to suspend certain provisions of the open meeting law, this meeting was conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the remote meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Cathleen Stone, and Commissioner Thomas Keady, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Canavan, Dayib, Dwyer, Hunt, Piacenza, Sullivan, Van Dam, Vitale, and Ms. Hickson, Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph, DiLoreto Smith, and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Also present at the meeting were Dan Ciullo, Vincent Ragucci, and Ken Stambler from Energy New England. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary.

Upon opening of the meeting, Mr. Vitale introduced Mr. Dwyer, Chief Administration Officer. Mr. Dwyer informed the participants that representatives from the Commission's energy consultant, Energy New England (ENE), would be presenting information concerning the purchasing of electricity. Following the introduction, ENE representatives Dan Ciullo, Vincent Ragucci, and Ken Stambler provided the Board with information concerning the purchase of renewable energy for the Commission. After the presentation and discussion, the Board considered a recommendation concerning the purchase of energy.

**Administration**

1. Request for Authorization for the Purchase of Generated Electricity. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That Commission staff are authorized to identify and negotiate, and the Executive Director to approve, an extendable agreement for the purchase of generated electricity with the proviso that the purchase be from renewable sources in proportions at least equivalent to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), with the cost to purchase approximately \$450,000, not to exceed \$900,000 over two (2) years.

**Approval of Minutes**

Next, consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on February 24, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and

seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on February 24, 2021, be, and they hereby are, approved.

### **Informational Reports**

1. Disbursement Ratification (Schedules A, B, & D).

Ratification of Disbursements for February 17, 2021 through March 16, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Stone voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the actions of those persons authorized by the Commission to execute checks for a total of \$489,396.72 are ratified and approved.

## **II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

1. February 2021 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.

At this point in the meeting, Chief Financial Officer, Nelson Piacenza, provided an overview of the Commission's financial status and highlights contained in the report.

2. February 2021 Monthly Management Report.
3. February 2021 Revenue and Expense Analysis.

Here, Mr. Piacenza provided information concerning Commission sales and revenue.

## **III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS**

### **Engineering**

1. Annual Report – Construction Contracts and Change Order Summary.

At this juncture in the meeting, Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan and Chief of Operations Irene McSweeney provided an overview of information contained in the summary.

2. Informational Report – Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.

Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan and Chief of Operations Irene McSweeney provided an overview of information contained in the report.

3. Informational Report – Update Regarding the Commission's 4:1 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Mitigation Account 2021.

Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan summarized the report.

4. Request for Permission to Advertise for Bids for Contract Number 18-308-003, Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Works Improvements in Dorchester. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to advertise for bids for Contract Number 18-308-003 for water, sewerage, and drainage works improvements in Dorchester.

5. Request for Permission to Advertise for Bids for Contract Number 19-309-002, for Water and Sewerage Works Improvements in East Boston – East Boston Sewer Separation Phase 3. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to advertise for bids for bids for Contract Number 19-309-002, for water and sewerage works improvements in East Boston – East Boston Sewer Separation Phase 3.

6. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 20-309-012, Contract 1 of the South Boston Separation Project. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Keady and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to award contract Number 20-309-012, Contract 1 of the South Boston Separation Project to FED Corporation in the amount of \$16,868,088.30.

7. Request for Permission to Solicit Proposals to Conduct a Sewer System Evaluation Survey in Jamaica Plain. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to solicit proposals to conduct a sewer system evaluation survey in Jamaica Plain.

### **Operations**

8. Informational Report – Commission’s Reported 2020 Water Accountability Figures.

Paul Canavan, Director of Operations, provided an overview of the information contained in the report.

9. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 21-309-009, Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Dorchester, and South End. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to award Contract Number 21-309-009, sewer and drain condition monitoring in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, Mattapan, Roxbury, South Dorchester, and the South End to National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$718,490.25.

10. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 21-309-010, Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in Fenway/Kenmore, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and West Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is authorized to award Contract Number 21-309-010, sewer and drain condition monitoring in Fenway/Kenmore, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and West Roxbury to National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$693,600.25.

11. Request for Permission to Upgrade the Commission's Material Handling Facility Scale. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission is permitted to upgrade the Commission's Material Handling Facility scale system at Alford Street and enter into a service contract with Northeast Scale Co. in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

## **Finance**

12. Recommendation for the Approval and Adoption of the Restated Issuance Resolution Approving the Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Resolutions, Authorizing the Issuance of Boston Water and Sewer Commission General Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Senior Series), 2021 Series A (Federally Taxable), and 2021 Series B, Respectively, in an Aggregate Principal Amount to Fund Up to \$100 Million of Capital Expenditures, Plus Such Amount As May Be Necessary and Desirable to Refund Outstanding Commission Bonds, and Related Matters. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Keady and seconded by Chairman Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the Restated Issuance Resolution, originally adopted on March 11, 2020, and the Issuance Resolution, originally adopted on November 25, 2019, and previously restated on February 24, 2020.

13. Request for Authorization to Approve to Increase the Second Signature Required of a Commissioner for Checks Issued in an Amount \$25,000 or Greater to \$100,000 or greater. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Commissioners approve to increase the second signature on all checks \$25,000 and over to \$100,000 and over.


### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this meeting, after further discussion, upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 3:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Henry F. Vitale  
Secretary