

APPROVED 9-9-15

MINUTES  
 City of Tacoma  
 Public Utility Board Meeting  
 August 26, 2015  
 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski, Karen Larkin.

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Patterson moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Larkin. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted and made part of the record.

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments by the public.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

- D-1 Resolution U-10799 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to RWC International LTD for the purchase of seven new International model 7600 cab chassis (\$803,677.91, plus sales tax);
  2. Award contract to John Deere Construction Retail Sales for the purchase of six backhoes (\$731,024.08, plus sales tax);
  3. Award contract to Versalift Northwest LLC for the purchase of seven aerial devices (\$1,429,953, plus sales tax);
  4. Award contract to Evolve, Inc., for the purchase of equipment for electronic security and related applications (\$683,050, plus sales tax, plus the option for three additional one-year renewal periods);
  5. Award three year contract to The Okonite Company for the purchase of medium voltage ethylene propylene rubber insulated cable on an as-needed basis (\$4,866,597 plus the option for two additional one year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$8,208,975, plus sales tax);

6. Increase and extend contract to Bentley Systems for software maintenance, support, and consulting services (\$92,294.50, plus sales tax. Cumulative total \$803,902.30, plus sales tax);
7. Increase contract to Open Access Technology International for continued monthly access to electronic tag service and web-exchange service assistance in meeting reliability and business practice standards defined by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (\$172,310, sales tax not applicable. Cumulative total \$369,430, sales tax not applicable);
8. Award contract to Crescent Mechanical, Inc., for the upgrade of an HVAC system at the Tacoma Rail building (\$207,441, plus sales tax).

Mr. Patterson moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number three, Don Ashmore, Fleet Manager, updated the Board on the performance of Power's hybrid bucket trucks.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number six, Tom Arter, Engineer, described the sole source characteristics of the recommended vendor.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding item number seven, Marc Donaldson, Power Analyst, described tag service. In response to another Board inquiry on this item, Mr. Donaldson described the process leading to the sole source designation of the recommended vendor.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

- D-2 Resolution U-10800 – Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Tacoma and local governments in King County to support salmon recovery in the Green River.

Mr. Patterson moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Greg Volkhardt, Operations Manager, summarized the resolution. Nearly all of the water provided by Tacoma Water comes from the Green River. This resolution enables Tacoma Water to partner with 16 local governments and stakeholders to restore salmon and improve watershed health in the Green River basin. The agreement is for a 10-year period (2016 – 2025). It also provides an opportunity to build relationships, showcase our environmental stewardship, and stay engaged on watershed issues.

- D-3 Resolution U-10801 – Authorize execution of a temporary wholesale water purchase agreement with Lakehaven Utility District.

Chair Flint announced that at staff request, Resolution U-10801 is being pulled from the agenda.

#### **H. Reports of the Director**

- H-1 July Cash Projections for Power, Water, Rail  
 H-2 July Financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, Self-Insurance Fund

Director Gaines called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the second quarter budget performance for Power, Water, and Rail. Mr. Sant

presented the key budget information, covering revenues and expenditures, for each of the operating divisions.

**I. Comments by the Board**

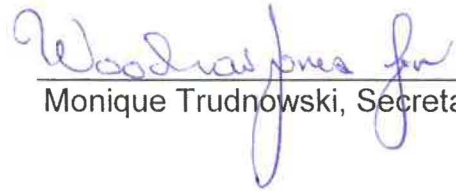
Chair Flint commented that in the last two weeks, the region has collectively cut back on its water use by 10 percent, hitting the goal set by Tacoma, Seattle, and Everett. Mr. Flint thanked rate payers for their conservation efforts and encouraged all to continue conserving water.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. until Wednesday, September 9, 2015, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Bryan Flint, Chair

  
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Monique Trudnowski, Secretary