

MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
CITY OF EL PASO
June 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Public Service Board was held Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Meeting Room, 1154 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, Texas.

PSB MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Margo, Ex-Officio Member
Henry Gallardo, Member
Terri Garcia, Vice-Chair
Dr. Ivonne Santiago, Member
Dr. Kristina D. Mena, Member
Bryan Morris, Member

PSB MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher A. Antcliff, Chair

PSB EMPLOYEES PRESENT

John E. Balliew, P.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
Lee Ann Koehler, General Counsel

EPWATER EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Alan Shubert, Vice President
Marcela Navarrete, Vice President
Juan S. Gonzalez, Assistant General Counsel
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer
Gretchen Byram, Computer Media Specialist
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications and Government Affairs Officer
Jillian Shipp, Executive Assistant
Levi Chacon, Purchasing Agent
Israel Chavez, Senior Network Administrator
Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer
Christina Montoya, Marketing and Communications Manager
Alfredo Solano, Interim Chief Information Officer
Melissa Bell, Lead Public Affairs Coordinator
Carlos Briano, Lead Public Affairs Coordinator
Anai Padilla, Water Conservation/TecH₂O Manager
Jeanette Cordero, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Zulema Jamis, Secretary
Rocio Alvarado, Utility Contract Development Coordinator
Pablo Mejia, Utility Engineer Associate
Ivan Ibarra, Fleet Maintenance Chief
Jeff Tepsick, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Amy Castner, Engineering Division Manager
Scott Reinert, Water Resources Manager
Jaime Arriola, Utility Engineer Associate
Ivan Hernandez, Engineering Division Manager
Irazema Rojas, Capital Improvement Program Manager
Paul Rivas, Utility Chief Operations Officer

GUESTS

Pam Faraone, Citizen
Trinidad Cruz, Prime Controls
Joe Cardenas, Moreno Cardenas
Jayne Harkins, IBWC

MEDIA

None

The Public Service Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Garcia at 8:04 a.m. A quorum of its members was present. After a moment of silence, those in attendance joined Mr. Gilbert Trejo, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board took action on the following agenda items:

1. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2019.

The Board approved the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 8, 2019.

2. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A LEASE CONTRACT FOR 100 GOLF CARTS FOR PAINTED DUNES GOLF COURSE FROM E-Z-GO DIVISION OF TEXTRON INC. THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER R161101 IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$104,304, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

The Board approved a lease contract for 100 golf carts for Painted Dunes Golf Course from E-Z-GO Division of Textron Inc. through Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative Contract Number R161101 in the annual amount of \$104,304, for a term of five years.

3. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF ONE 4X2 CREW CAB TRUCK AND ONE 4X4 REGULAR CAB TRUCK FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET THROUGH TEXAS BUY BOARD TASB CONTRACT NUMBER 521-16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,717.

The Board approved the purchase of one 4x2 crew cab truck and one 4x4 regular cab truck from Caldwell Country Chevrolet through Texas buy board TASB Contract Number 521-16 in the amount of \$153,717.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES (ACEC) AWARDS.

Mr. John Balliew, President/CEO, introduced Joe Cardenas of Moreno Cardenas Inc. and Joe Medina of MCI. Mr. Cardenas and Mr. Medina submitted two El Paso Water projects, Northeast Channel No. 2 Stormwater Improvements and Aquifer Storage and Recharge Masterplan, to the American Council of Engineering Companies. Mr. Cardenas informed the Board that the awards are statewide and very competitive. The two categories are silver and gold; both projects won the gold award. Mr. Cardenas went on to mention that the Northeast Channel project was initiated because of the 2006 storm. This project helped removed 46% of properties from flood zone A, which is a huge accomplishment in the eyes of FEMA. Mr. Cardenas thanked Mr. Balliew, Mr. Shubert, Mr. Trejo and the entire engineering staff, and Scott Reinert who was the project manager on the ASR, and Gisela Dagnino, Engineering Division Manager, who was the project manager on the Channel No. 2 project. Mr. Cardenas passed out brochures to the Board members so they can see the level of competition that EPWater was up against. Mr. Cardenas ended his speech by thanking the Board and Mr. Balliew for the opportunity.

5. INTRODUCTION OF JAYNE HARKINS, IBWC COMMISSIONER

Mr. Balliew introduced Jayne Harkins, the new International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) Commissioner, who is headquartered in El Paso. Ms. Harkins was appointed commissioner in 2018 by President Trump. Mr. Balliew reminded the Board the partnership that EPWater has with IBWC is an important one because of the maintenance of the Rio Grande and its flood-carrying capacity to move floodwater out of El Paso. Ms. Harkins introduced herself to the Board and expressed her appreciation for the good working relationship that has been established between IBWC and EPWater.

6. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO TO SUBMIT A TITLE XVI WIIN WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$400,000 TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE DESIGN OF THE AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT IN EL PASO, TEXAS, AND TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT.

Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications and Government Affairs Officer, presented information to the Board regarding this item. EPWater is planning to submit a grant application, due June 28, 2019, to pursue funding for the design costs of both phases of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery project that would utilize Rio Grande allocations in non-peak times to replenish the Hueco Bolson aquifer. The funding opportunity under "Title XVI WIIN (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act) Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects" is available to those projects that have an associated water reuse feasibility study approved by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. USBR requires an EPWater resolution authorizing the President/CEO to sign and submit the Title XVI WIIN funding application.

On a motion made by Mayor Margo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Resolution authorizing the President and CEO to submit a Title XVI WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in an estimated amount of \$400,000 to assist in funding the design of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project in El Paso, Texas, and to provide any other documents necessary to receive grant funding in connection with the project.

7. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 (FINAL) FOR RFP15-17, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT TRANSMISSION WATER LINE TUNNEL PROJECT TO BRH-GARVER CONSTRUCTION LP EXTENDING THE DURATION BY 24 DAYS, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$356,802.03, AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Mr. Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Notice to Proceed for the design and construction of Canal Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Transmission Water Line Tunnel Project was issued to BRH-Garver on July 15, 2018. On Oct. 13, 2018, the contractor gave notice to EPWater of differing subsurface site conditions. Tunneling activities encountered large boulders not identified in the technical data made available to the contractor. This differing site condition triggered a modified tunneling method that included stabilizing the subsurface ahead of the tunnel boring machine's path and thus reduced the rate of tunneling. Additionally, during the tunneling operations, a pocket of contaminated soils was encountered that required off-site disposal. This change order is for the modification of the tunneling method, extended duration of 24 days, and disposal of contaminated soils. Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mayor Margo and unanimously carried, the Board approved Change Order No. 3 (Final) for RFP 15-17 Design and Construction of Canal Water Treatment Plant Transmission Water Line Tunnel Project to BRH-Garver Construction, LP extending the duration by 24 days, increasing the contract amount by \$356,802.03 and authorized the use of commercial paper.

8. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR BID NUMBER 47-18, HASKELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EFFLUENT PIPING IMPROVEMENTS, TO SPIESS CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., EXTENDING THE DURATION BY 37 DAYS AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$221,125.25.

Mr. Trejo provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). Notice to Proceed for Bid Number 47-18, Haskell Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Effluent Piping Improvements, was issued to Spiess Construction on Aug. 14, 2018. During the initial stages of construction, the existing 66-inch effluent pipe at the headworks of the Haskell R. Street WWTP ruptured and developed a large sinkhole. In the course of repairing the sinkhole, it became evident that multiple, undocumented utilities existed along the route of the proposed project pipeline. In an effort to be proactive and eliminate any safety and health hazards, it was necessary to conduct exploratory trenching along the proposed 60-inch pipeline route to locate, identify and address any unforeseen utilities in conflict with installation of the proposed pipeline. A total of 39 active and abandoned utilities were identified including gas, water, plant water, electric, communications and duct banks. Correction required partial removal, capping, re-routing or abandonment. All utilities encountered will be documented and included in as-built drawings. Staff evaluated the change order request submitted by the contractor, verified the effort to carry out the work, and negotiated to come to an agreeable cost. The cost submitted is in line with current industry trends. Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board approved Change Order No. 4 for Bid Number 47-18, Haskell Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Piping Improvements, to Spiess Construction Co., Inc. extending the duration by 37 days and increasing the contract amount by \$221,125.25.

9. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 FOR BID NUMBER 64-17, HASKELL R. STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTERS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 DIGESTER HEATING UPGRADES AND DIGESTER NO. 1 COVER AND MIXER REPLACEMENT, TO R.M. WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, EXTENDING THE DURATION BY 60 DAYS AND INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$350,000.

Mr. Trejo provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has four 80-foot diameter concrete anaerobic digesters with floating metal covers and gas collection systems. Each digester has a side water depth of about 30 feet and a volume of about 1 million gallons. During the design phase of this project, the digester heating requirements were calculated and upgrades to the digester heating system were recommended to improve the heating capacity of the boilers and to improve temperature maintenance in the four digesters. The current project includes new boilers, new circulating water pumps, new circulating sludge pumps, new heat exchangers and new pipe sections inside of digester pump rooms. At the time of design, it was recommended to replace the piping in the heating loop, which transfers the heated water from the boilers to the digesters. This recommendation was kept out of the scope of the project to keep the cost down. Recently, plant personnel have shared their concern that this heating loop needs replacement. It was reported that the heating loop has experienced over five leaks in the past

six months. Every repair made on the heating loop only exposes another weak section of pipe. Change Order No. 9 is for the replacement of the 1,300 linear feet of 6-inch HDPE piping of the heating loop, which was not included in the initial bid. Staff evaluated the change order requests submitted by the contractor and negotiated an agreeable cost. The cost submitted is in line with current industry trends. Mr. John Balliew made additional comments regarding this item, while Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the Board.

On a motion made by Mayor Margo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board approved Change Order No. 9 – for Bid No. 64-17, Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Digesters 1, 2, 3 and 4 Digester Heating Upgrades and Digester No. 1 Cover and Mixer Replacement, to R.M. Wright Construction Company, extending the duration by 60 days and increasing the contract amount by \$350,000.

10. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NO. 31-19, MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING AIR RELEASE VALVES AT EPWU FORCE MAINS AND LIFT STATIONS – WESTSIDE, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER SMITHCO CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,892,450 AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Mr. Trejo provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). A condition assessment of existing air release valves installed on sewer force mains and lift stations throughout the city was performed in 2017. The assessment determined that high levels of hydrogen sulfide concentration in vaults and manholes caused corrosion in the mechanical components of the air-release valves, which caused the mechanical systems of the air release valves to malfunction. The design for Phase I of the project was developed to provide miscellaneous improvements and preventive maintenance to the air release valves along existing sanitary sewer force mains within the West Side of the city, with the intent to improve the efficiency of the existing sanitary sewer systems. Through Phase I, 26 sites were evaluated of which 20 will receive the recommended improvements. Future phases will continue with the design, bid, and rehabilitation of an additional 60 air release valves across the city. El Paso Water received five bids for this project on May 8, 2019. The bidders were Smithco Construction, Danny Sander Construction, Spiess Construction Co., Cubic Water and CMD Endeavors. The bids ranged from \$1,892,450 to \$2,327,900 or 10% to 35% above the engineer's estimate of \$1,720,000. The project consulting engineer evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that Smithco Construction meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified in the bid documents. Staff reviewed the engineer's evaluation and recommends award of Bid No. 31-19, Miscellaneous Improvements to Existing Air Release Valves at EPWU Force Mains and Lift Stations – Westside, to Smithco Construction as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,892,450. Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago seconded by Mayor Margo and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid No. 31-19, Miscellaneous Improvements to Existing Air Release Valves at EPWU Force Mains and Lift Stations – Westside, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder Smithco Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,892,450 and authorized the use of commercial paper.

11. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NUMBER 29-19, GROUSE STREET FORCE MAIN REHABILITATION PHASE VI, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, SPIESS CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,477,252 AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Mr. Trejo provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). This project is the final phase of a multi-phase project to replace parallel force mains from Grouse Street Lift Station to Fred Hervey Wastewater Reclamation Plant (WRP). This final project will replace an entire segment of a 21-inch force main from the lift station to Fred Hervey WRP. This new pipeline will also serve as a bypass line in case the newly replaced force main is removed from operation for maintenance. EPWater received five bids for this project on April 29, 2019. The bidders were Spiess Construction Co., Inc., Bain Enterprises dba Bain

Construction, Danny Sander Construction, Smithco Construction and CMD Endeavors. The bids ranged from \$3,477,252 to \$4,391,900 or 8% below to 16% above the engineer's estimate of \$3,783,414.80. Huitt-Zollars, the project consultants, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that Spiess Construction Co. Inc., meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. Staff reviewed the engineer's evaluation and recommends award of Bid Number 29-19, Grouse Street Force Main Rehabilitation Phase VI, to Spiess Construction Co. Inc., as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,477,252. Mr. Trejo addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid Number 29-19, Grouse Street Force Main Rehabilitation Phase VI, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Spiess Construction Co. Inc., in the amount of \$3,477,252 and authorized the use of commercial paper.

12. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NO. 04-19, PUMPING SYSTEMS FURNISH, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ALPHA SOUTHWEST INC. IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$3,209,034.40 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Mr. Scott Reinert, Water Resources Manager, provided a presentation to the Board regarding this item (copy on file in Central Files). The work for this project includes annual well rehabilitation activities on 12 existing high capacity wells in the EPWater system. Contractor will furnish and install new well pumps, motors and associated equipment for each of the wells identified. The contract also includes an allowance, which will be used to handle unforeseen conditions related to expedited, urgent repair of wells, booster stations, wastewater lift stations and stormwater pump stations. EPWater received two bids for this project March 29, 2019. The bidders were Alpha Southwest Inc. and Hydro Resources, Mid Continent Inc. The bids ranged from \$2,968,384 to \$4,859,500 or 38% below to 2% above the engineer's estimate of \$4,775,220. CDM Smith, the project consultants, evaluated the qualifications of the apparent low bidder and determined that Alpha Southwest Inc. meets the minimum general requirements as well as the minimum project specific criteria as specified on the bid documents. Staff reviewed the engineer's evaluation and recommends award of Bid No. 04-19, Pumping Systems Furnish, Installation and Maintenance, to Alpha Southwest Inc. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,968,384. Mr. Reinert addressed questions from the Board regarding this item. Mr. Balliew made additional comments.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid No. 04-19, Pumping Systems Furnish, Installation and Maintenance, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Alpha Southwest, Inc. in the estimated annual amount of \$3,209,034.40 with the option for two, one-year extensions and authorized the use of commercial paper.

13. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NO. 59-19, FLUSH VALVE INSTALLATION - 3/4" SERVICE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, EL PASO RIO ELECTRIC INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$124,000.

Mr. Alan Shubert, Vice President, provided information to the Board regarding this item. This service will be utilized to install flush valves in meter boxes with 3/4" water services lines located throughout El Paso Water's retail service area. EPWater operations crew members will use the flushing valve to collect the chlorine residual data from the dead-end mains. The chlorine residual analysis is a requirement by TCEQ. Three bids were received. The bidders were El Paso Rio Electric Inc., Gilbert's Plumbing Services and Mission Plumbing Co. Inc. Staff reviewed the bid proposals and determined that the lowest bidder met all specifications and qualifications as defined within the bid proposal. Staff recommends awarding Bid No. 59-19, Flush Valve Installation - 3/4" Service to El Paso Rio Electric Inc., in the estimated amount of \$124,000.

On a motion made by Mayor Margo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid No. 59-19, Flush Valve Installation - 3/4" Service to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, El Paso Rio Electric, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$124,000.

14. CONSIDERED AND AWARDED BID NO. 64-19, WATER JETTING AND VACUUM SOIL EXTRACTION SERVICES TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AMERICHOICE CONSTRUCTION LLC, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$218,900 WITH THE OPTION OF TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Levi Chacon, Purchasing Agent, provided information to the Board regarding this item. This service is utilized to locate underground utilities not available on record drawings by excavating in a safe and non-destructive process. This service is used by water and wastewater operations and the engineering department. The previous bid was awarded Nov. 14, 2018; the new bid is a 6% decrease from the previous bid. Two bid proposals were received. Staff evaluated the low bidder Americhoice Construction LLC and determined they met all requirements as outlined within the bid proposal. Therefore, staff recommends award Bid No. 64-49, Water Jetting and Vacuum Soil Extraction Services to Americhoice Construction LLC in the estimated annual amount of \$218,900. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board awarded Bid No. 64-19, Water Jetting and Vacuum Soil Extraction Services to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Americhoice Construction LLC., in the estimated annual amount of \$218,900 with the option of two, one-year extensions.

15. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF JOHN DEERE PARTS, SERVICES AND REPAIRS FROM 4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Chacon provided information to the Board regarding this item. 4 Rivers Equipment (4 Rivers) supplies the Utility with John Deere original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts and services. EPWater's heavy equipment is comprised of 50% John Deere equipment, including loaders, back hoes, farm equipment and excavators. 4 Rivers will supply EPWater with John Deere parts, services and repairs, also assisting with repairs to safely put machinery back in service. 4 Rivers is the sole source provider for John Deere parts and services in the El Paso area. 4 Rivers has experience working on heavy equipment for the utility. Staff recommends a contract be issued to 4 Rivers for John Deere parts, services and repairs. Mr. Chacon addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Santiago and unanimously carried, the Board approved a sole source contract for the purchase of John Deere parts, services and repairs from 4 Rivers Equipment in the estimated annual amount of \$100,000 with the option for two, one-year extensions.

16. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A ONE-YEAR, SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT RENEWAL OF ENQUESTA MAINTENANCE TO SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416,460.09.

Mr. Alfredo Solano, Interim Chief Information Officer, provided information to the Board regarding this item. Systems & Software, Inc. (SSI) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Harris Computer Systems and operates as an independent corporate entity of Harris Computer Systems. SSI is the sole source supplier of the enQuesta Customer Information System (CIS) Utility Billing solution and maintenance provider through an agreement between the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board and SSI signed April 4, 1997. The annual renewal of the enQuesta maintenance contract will be for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Staff obtained a quote from SSI for the renewal of the maintenance contract. Staff evaluated the pricing and determined that it was in line with previous years. The renewal contract is a 5% increase from the previous year. Staff recommends

the renewal of the enQuesta maintenance contract SSI. Mr. Solano addressed questions from the Board regarding this item.

On a motion made by Dr. Santiago, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approved a one-year, sole source contract renewal of enQuesta maintenance to Systems & Software, Inc. in the amount of \$416,460.09.

17. CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A CONTRACT FOR SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE AT THE ROBERTSON UMBENHAUER WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO PRIME CONTROLS LP., THROUGH GSA BUY BOARD CONTRACT NO. GS-35F-0455W IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER.

Mr. Solano, provided information to the Board regarding this item. The Robertson Umbenhauer Water Treatment Plant's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system requires upgrades. The scope of the project will be to replace and upgrade existing Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and controlled via the Factory Talk software that will be implemented. The following processes will be upgraded and/or automated as part of the project: High Lift Stations 1- 3, Plant 1 and 2 Filter Control Room, Plant 1 Filters 1-6, Intake Grit Collectors, Plant 2 Ferrous Chloride Pumps/Mixer, Plant 2 Pipe Gallery and Intake Low Lifts. The SCADA system upgrade is available through GSA buy board Contract No. GS-35F-0455W via Prime Controls LP (Prime). Staff solicited and evaluated a quote from Prime and determined that it met all the requirements for this procurement. Staff recommends approval of the SCADA system upgrades contract to Prime in the amount of \$2,800,000. Trinidad Cruz with Prime Control addressed questions from the Boarding regarding this item. Mr. Balliew made additional comments.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the Board approved a contract for SCADA system upgrade at the Robertson Umbenhauer Water Treatment Plant to Prime Controls, LP., through GSA buy board Contract No. GS-35F-0455W in the amount of \$2,800,000 and authorized the use of commercial paper.

18. MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- 2019 Conservation Hero and collaboration with the City on the Certified Water Partner Program - Ms. Anai Padilla, Water Conservation/TecH₂O Manager, began her presentation with the Certified Water Partner Program Overview. This program is to engage commercial and institutional customers through awareness of water-efficiency practices and recognition for good practices. It offers help with the reduction of water consumption through audits and offers recommendations for ways to improve water efficiency. The program launched two years ago, with focus on residents. Ms. Padilla explained that community was the second focus of the programs, with the City of El Paso being our initial priority. Schools and government buildings make up 8% of accounts, but they use 19% of water in a non-residential sector. In 2018, EPWater began a collaboration with the Facilities Maintenance Superintendent for the City of El Paso on water efficiency. We were invited to audit 240 city buildings; more than 50 audits have been completed, which include the El Paso Police Department, the El Paso Fire Department and libraries, with audits continuing. After audits that have been completed so far, 17 fire stations and facilities have been named Water Conservation Partners. In addition, four libraries were named Certified Water Partners, and six police facilities were named Water Conservation Partners. The conservation team performed an audit over a four-day period at the zoo; 28 buildings were audited, which included 114 faucets, 59 toilets and 14 urinals.

The zoo demonstrated best practices, with only a couple of fixtures flowing below best-practice standards, and was named 2019 Conservation Hero. The announcement was made at an El Paso Chihuahuas game. In regard to the sites that did not meet standards for Certified Water Partner, the city agreed to repair, adjust or replace plumping fixtures. EPWater will provide up to \$25,000 in grant assistance. Over the next year, EPWater will be auditing other city facilities, including recreation centers, health clinics, Sun Metro, airport and others. Next, Ms. Padilla shared a video of the visit to the zoo. Ms. Padilla also informed the Board that the Certified Water Partner Programs received the 2019 Wrangler Award.

- Water Festival 2019 - Ms. Padilla shared a video from the festival.

19. 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.

No comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Dr. Santiago, and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m., June 12, 2019, pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.076 to discuss the following:

Section 551.071	Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.074	Personnel Matters

a. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

The Board will deliberate regarding a potential land purchase in Hudspeth County, TX.

b. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

The Board will consult with its attorneys regarding the claim of El Paso A.R.C. Electric Inc.

On a motion made by Mr. Gallardo, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 9:41 a.m., June 12, 2019.

DELIBERATED REGARDING A POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE IN HUDSPETH COUNTY, TX.

On a motion made by Dr. Mena, seconded by Mr. Gallardo, and carried that the President/CEO be authorized to proceed with the acquisition of the property in the manner approved by the Board, and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Board, and sign any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase, including the applications for transfer of ownership of the validation permits.

CONSULTED WITH ITS ATTORNEYS REGARDING THE CLAIM OF EL PASO A.R.C. ELECTRIC INC.


On a motion made by Dr. Mena, seconded by Mr. Gallardo and carried that the General Counsel's Office be authorized to participate in the mediation of the claim of El Paso A.R.C. Electric Inc., under the Airport Well

Field Improvements-Electrical Improvements Phase I construction contact, in accordance with the Board's direction.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mayor Margo seconded by Dr. Mena and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m., June 12, 2019.

ATTEST:



Secretary-Treasurer



Christopher Antcliff-Chair