



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Waterworks Commission

*President Thomas Friedel, Vice President Kathy DeMatthew, Secretary Jeff Pellegrom
Mayor Gary Becker, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Brian Anderson, Michael Staeck*

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, J. Jordan, A. Wheeler, R. King, M. Kosterman, R. Pace, R. Gilbreath, K. Wanggaard, A. Lesnjak, J. Guttenberg, N. Erlandson, C. Tippery, J. Kunz, R. Lui, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, D. Lynaugh, B. Rogne

PRESENT: 6 - Kathy DeMatthew, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Gary Becker, Thomas Friedel and Michael Staeck

EXCUSED: 1 - Jeff Pellegrom

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 2008 Meeting

Commissioner Staeck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [08-2041](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for March 2008 Totaling \$1,295,381.33

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeMatthew, to approve the budget expenditures for March 2008 totaling \$1,295,381.33. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [08-2042](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A) Caledonia Water Talks - K. Haas
- B) Lead Notification Update - M. Gitter
- C) Corrosion Control Study Update - M. Kosterman

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [08-1644](#)

Subject: Request from Racine County for Antenna Rental Space on the Regency Tower

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a request from Racine County on behalf of the Ridgewood Care Center to put an antenna on the Regency Tower for the purpose of providing data communications back to the County Courthouse. He mentioned that they also requested that access be granted at no cost to Ridgewood Care Center nor Racine County.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize the General Manager to allow Racine County to mount an antenna on the Regency Water Tower at no cost. Furthermore, that a hold harmless agreement, including other stipulations, be executed. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

6. [08-2043](#) **Subject:** Submission of the General Manager's 2008 Goals

Recommendation: Approve

It was noted that Commissioner Anderson requested that the item pertaining to training and mentoring personnel of the Wastewater Utility be included on the General Manager's goals for the Water Utility.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the General Manager's goals for 2008 with the inclusion of above noted item. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

7. [08-2063](#) **Subject:** Proposal from Synagro for Solids Dewatering

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations explained the system the plant currently uses for removing solids from the water. He noted that the proposal from Synagro for solids dewatering would save the Utility \$100,000.00 per year. He also noted that it could reduce labor and improve the safety of the Utility employees.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Staeck, to approve the proposal from Synagro for solids dewatering at an approximate cost of \$66,000.00 per basin. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

8. [08-2064](#) **Subject:** Connection Fee Report Update

Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to send out a letter to all retail contract communities along with the Water Utility System Connection Fee Report Update prepared by Ruekert-Mielke

The General Manager noted that Ruekert-Mielke updated the Water Utility System Connection Fee Report. The General Manager summarized the report stating that the current fee for REC charges is \$3,223.00 for retail customers, and according to the update that Ruekert-Mielke did, the REC charges should be \$3,427.00. It was recommended that the General Manager notify all retail contract communities of this and include a copy of the Ruekert-Mielke report.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to authorize the General Manager to notify all retail contract communities of the proposed

REC fee update of \$3,427.00 as opposed to the current charge of \$3,223.00 and include a copy of the updated report from Ruckert-Mielke. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [08-2065](#) **Subject:** Request to Hire Mark Olson of Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. to Represent the Utility with Regard to a Personnel Matter

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested hiring Mark Olson, Attorney with Davis & Kuelthau, S.C., to represent the Water Utility with regard to a potential lawsuit from a previous Utility employee that was terminated. He recommended hiring Mr. Olson because he had worked on this case prior to the termination of the employee.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to authorize the General Manager to hire Mark Olson of Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. to represent the Water Utility with regard to a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

10. Other Business

A) The Water Utility Superintendent noted that the Utility was awarded with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts to conserve native Purple Martins.

B) The General Manager noted that he received a communication concerning a former employee of John's Concrete with regard to a prevailing wage rate issue.

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Waterworks Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning a case which was the subject of a hearing before that governmental body.

Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to move the meeting into closed session at 4:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

11. [08-2044](#) **Subject:** Correspondence with the Department of Natural Resources Relating to the Lead and Copper Rule

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held relating to the Department of Natural Resources lead and copper rule.

Received and Filed

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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