

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Board of Commissioners  
Central Arkansas Water

June 11, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of Central Arkansas Water (CAW), convened in a regular meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in the Board Room of the James T. Harvey Administration Building located at 221 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Present:**

Mr. Eddie Powell, Chair  
Dr. Roby Robertson, Vice Chair  
Mr. Anthony Kendall, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ms. Carmen Smith, Commissioner  
Mr. John Braune, Commissioner  
Ms. Marie-Bernarde Miller, Commissioner  
Mr. Jay Hartman, Commissioner

**CAW Staff in Attendance:**

Mr. Graham Rich, P.E., Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Thad Luther, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr. Tad Bohannon, Chief Legal Counsel  
Mr. Robert Hart, P.E., Technical Services Officer  
Ms. Becky Linker, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Jeff Mascagni, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Dale Kimbrow, Manager of Planning, Regionalism & Future Water Source  
Mr. John Tynan, Director of Customer Relations & Public Affairs  
Mr. Jim Ferguson, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Mr. Randy Easley, Director of Water Quality & Operations  
Mr. Tom Wray, P.E., Senior Engineer  
Ms. Samantha Williams-Davis, Communications Assistant  
Ms. Mary Dyson, Management Secretary

**Also in Attendance:**

Mr. Jack Truemper, Senior Vice President, Stephens, Inc.  
Ms. Chelsea Boozer, Reporter, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette  
Ms. Kathy Wells, Greater Little Rock Neighborhoods  
Ms. Carolyn Shearman, Sierra Club  
Ms. Ruth Bell, League of Women Voters of Pulaski County  
Mr. Barry Haas, Citizen  
Ms. Mary Carol Poole, Paschall Strategic Communications  
Ms. Margaret Powell, Citizen  
Mr. Bernie Hochstetter, Citizen  
Ms. Janelle Lilley, Reporter, KATV Channel 7  
Mr. Chato Wilson, KATV Channel 7

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mr. Rich recognized Mr. Luther for 10 years of service.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hartman and seconded by Commissioner Miller, the minutes of the May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of 2015-2016 Board Officers**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Braune and seconded by Commissioner Smith, after due consideration and discussion, the following Board Members were nominated and approved to serve as Board Officers for the 2015-16 term beginning July 1, 2015.

Dr. Roby Robertson – Chair  
Mr. Tony Kendall – Vice Chair  
Mr. Jay Hartman – Secretary/Treasurer

### **Appointment/Reappointment of Commissioner**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Braune and seconded by Commissioner Hartman, after due consideration and discussion, the reappointment of Commissioner Miller to a seven-year term was approved.

### **Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Refinance Update**

Mr. Mascagni introduced Mr. Truemper, Senior Vice President with Stephens, Inc., who proceeded to update the Board on current market conditions, projected savings, and next steps associated with the potential refunding of Water Revenue Bonds Series 2010B. No action was required.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Presentation on 30-inch Main Break under I-430 River Bridge**

Mr. Hart made a presentation on CAW's response to a 30-inch main break under the I-430 River Bridge. Increased flow in the Arkansas River from heavy rains in Arkansas and Oklahoma washed out a section of 30-inch pipe under the north end of the bridge. The Board thanked staff for the efforts and quick responses to avoid water quality issues or damage to additional critical infrastructure.

## **CONTRACTS/PURCHASES**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Robertson, and seconded by Commissioner Braune, after due consideration and discussion, the following contract was unanimously approved:

The third year of a three-year contract with the Insurance Center, Inc. in the amount of 247,860. The contract provides coverage for property, inland marine, crime, auto liability, director and officers, employment practices, professional liability, limited general liability, excess liability, and employed lawyer's liability. Coverage through June 2016 will be provided by Arch Insurance Company for \$244,227 and Philadelphia (employed lawyer's liability) for \$3,633.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hartman, and seconded by Commissioner Miller, after due consideration and discussion, the following contract was unanimously approved:

A professional services contract in the amount of \$80,000 with Crist Engineers, Inc. to evaluate the Arkansas River as an emergency raw water source.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Robertson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, after due consideration and discussion, the following contract was unanimously approved:

A contract to On-Line Construction in the amount of \$316,000 or, if On-Line is unable to fulfill the contract due to pending outside litigation, award to Smith Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$319,309.50 to relocate approximately 1,500 feet of a 12-inch water main on MacArthur Drive.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **Customer Relations and Public Affairs**

Mr. Tynan provided an update on utility public affairs and customer relations. In addition, Mr. Tynan stated that on May 13, numerous residents in the Maumelle Watershed filed a petition for incorporation as a municipality named Little Italy. The County Clerk certified 220 signatures on May 14 and notified the County Judge. The County Judge then scheduled a public hearing for July 13 at 2 p.m. Following the hearing the County Judge will determine if incorporation may proceed. If the effort is successful, areas within incorporated Little Italy will not be subject to County Subdivision Regulations or the Watershed Zoning Code and associated water quality protections. Organizers have stated that the core intent of incorporation is to "prevent annexation or controls leveraged by another city government" and "make decisions about town planning/development of the area, not by the Pulaski County Planning Board"

Discussion ensued.

The Board requested a Resolution, in opposition to the incorporation of Little Italy, be presented at the next Board meeting.

### **Water Quality & Operations**

Mr. Easley provided an update on matters pertaining to the watershed.

Regionalism

Mr. Kimbrow provided an update on matters pertaining to regionalism.

Finance

Mr. Mascagni provided a year-to-date financial update on utility operations.

**BOARD BRIEFING**

Mr. Rich stated lake levels are very good. Lake Maumelle is four inches above full pool and Lake Winona is one and one-half inches below full pool.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hartman, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, the meeting was adjourned.



Jay Hartman, Secretary/Treasurer