

**PEACE RIVER MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

AGENDA

April 3, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

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DeSoto County Administration Building
Commission Chambers, First Floor
201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Elton Langford, DeSoto County, Chairman
Commissioner Joseph Tiseo, Charlotte County, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jason Bearden, Manatee County
Commissioner Michael Moran, Sarasota County

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Commissioner Elton Langford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by the Board

WELCOME GUESTS

HOST COUNTY REMARKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual wishing to address the Board on an item on the Consent Agenda or Regular Agenda ("Voting Agenda Items") or an issue that does not appear on the agenda should complete a 'request to speak' card and submit it to the Authority's recording clerk prior to this Public Comments item. Each person that submits a 'request to speak' card will have three (3) minutes to address the Board. Fifteen (15) minutes is provided for this Public Comment item unless additional time is needed for individuals to address the Board on Voting Agenda Items. If the time limit is exhausted and there are still individuals that want to address the Board on non-Voting Agenda Items, the Board will entertain any remaining comments near the end of the meeting. Comments on Voting Agenda Items will be heard first.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

1. 2023 FDEP Drinking Water Plant Operations Excellence Award

The Peace River Regional Water Plant has been selected to receive a 2023 Drinking Water Plant Operations Excellence Award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in recognition of outstanding performance in the areas of treatment plant operations, maintenance, and regulatory compliance. This award is presented annually by the FDEP South District Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the February 7, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting
2. Resolution 2024-04 'Recognition of the Month of April as Water Conservation Month'
3. Resolution 2024-05 'Recognition of National Drinking Water Week'
4. Award of Contracts for Purchase of Water Treatment Chemicals

Award Contracts for Sodium Hypochlorite (bleach) 12% solution and Copper Sulfate. Bids were advertised February 8th and are due March 12th.

5. Award Contract for Professional Auditing Services

Award contract for Professional Auditing Services. Request for services was advertised on February 5th with submittals due March 6th. The Professional Services Evaluation Committee will hold a public meeting to evaluate bids on March 13th.

6. Piggy-Back Charlotte County Contract with Sanders Laboratories for Water Quality Analysis

The Authority has an existing contract with Benchmark Enviro-Analytical for water quality analysis which supports permit compliance and operations management at the Peace River Facility. Staff recommends a second lab contract for the purpose of continuity and redundancy through a Piggy-Back on Charlotte County's contract with Sanders Laboratories.

7. Investment Banking Services Co-Manager Changes

On May 27, 2020, the Authority Board approved an Investment Banking team comprised of Raymond James (Senior Underwriting Manager), and PNC Bank and UMB (Co-Managers). This team provides underwriting services in conjunction with issuance of revenue bonds to fund improvements in the Authority's water utility system and other financial transactions. In the past year UMB has lost key staff and as a result is proposed for removal from the Investment Banking Team. Staff recommends the addition of the next available ranked firm, RBC Capital, to replace UMB as co-manager on the Authority's Investment Banking Team.

8. Consultant Selection – Partially Treated Surface Water Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

The Authority recently received a permit from the FDEP that would allow use of Partially Treated

Surface Water (PTSW) rather than fully treated drinking water for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) so long as a ridged set of water quality conditions can be met at the ASR wellheads and in the aquifer. Ascertaining whether Partially Treated Surface Water ASR is a viable alternative under these permit conditions requires preliminary design of facilities and pilot testing of the partial treatment process. Request for professional services for this work was advertised in February. One Statement of Qualifications was received (from AECOM) and evaluated by the professional services evaluation committee. Staff recommendation is authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate a contract, scope and fee with AECOM for Engineering Design and associated professional services for the PTSW ASR Project. Draft contract, scope and fee will be returned to the Board in June for consideration. All funds for this portion of the project are from a \$1M FDEP grant.

9. Phase 3C Pipeline Easement Agreements

Most of the easements required to construct the Phase 3C Regional Interconnect in Sarasota County have been acquired. This item is for acquisition of one additional easement necessary to construct the Project.

10. Approve Work Order to McKim & Creed for Electrical and I&C Services

Capital Improvements Projects at the Peace River Facility are progressing through design and construction along parallel paths to meet the key milestone of January 2028 for water delivery. To ensure a common approach and adherence to common standards across all projects, the Authority proposes to enlist the services of McKim & Creed (under their continuing services contract) to act as an extension of our staff and provide subject matter expertise in the areas of Electrical and Instrumentation & Controls. Assistance in review of design standards, requests for information, submittal review and comment, and startup and commissioning assistance for both design and construction will allow staff to ensure the various components of these projects are built with a common approach and standardization.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Water Supply Conditions Report

Staff will discuss water supply conditions, water production and deliveries. Demand on the Peace River Facility (PRF) has averaged about 28.3 MGD for February which is about 3 MGD less than during the same period last year. The reduction is primarily due to the Carlton Facility being fully back in service. Reservoir storage is currently about 6.7 BG (full). Recent rainfall has increased flow in the Peace River to well above-normal for this time of year. River flow and associated withdrawal limits are currently sufficient to keep the reservoir system full. The ASR system is 'in storage' (i.e. there is no ongoing recharge or recovery in the system), and current storage in ASR is 8.72 BG. Peace River facility finished

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water quality remains excellent.

2. 2024 Legislative Update

Katie Kelly with MBDT will provide a wrap-up of the 2024 Florida legislative session relative to the Authority's adopted legislative priorities and grant funding requests.

3. Authority Insurance Coverage Review and Property Insurance Renewal

The Authority's current property insurance will expire April 30, 2024. Quotes for renewal have been solicited by the Authority's Insurance agent Brown and Brown and are due in late March. Staff and representatives from Brown and Brown will discuss market conditions and quotes and provide recommendations for Board consideration.

4. 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan & 20-Year Capital Needs Assessment

Staff will review and solicit comments from the Board on the Authority's updated (draft) 5-year CIP and 20-year CNA. This is information only – no Board action requested. The 5-Year CIP and 20-Year CNA will be returned at the June meeting for Board action.

5. 2014B Refunding/Phase 3C Regional Interconnect Financing

The Authority's 2014B bonds are callable in October 2024 and therefore eligible for current refunding in the summer. Current analysis (1/29/24) by the Authority's financial advisor, PRAG indicates that refinancing the 2014B's would provide total gross savings of \$10.2 million, roughly 14.9% in total net present value savings. Staff requests Board authorization to initiate the work needed to support the bond refunding.

Staff will also request Board authorization to move forward with finalizing long-term funding for the Phase 3C Regional Interconnect in conjunction with the 2014B refunding effort to take advantage of economies of scale. The funding for Phase 3C is currently coming from the Authority's Capital Project Line of Credit. The anticipated bond amount for the Phase 3C Regional Interconnect is approximately \$33 million and staff will work closely with Sarasota County on configurations of debt service. Board authorization later this summer will be requested prior to actual refunding.

6. Amendment of Master Water Supply Contract

Staff will discuss clean-up of outdated language in the Master Water Supply Contract, and changes to Exhibits in the Contract that support moving new supply projects forward. Amendments to Exhibits "A" (DeSoto Payment), "B" (Water Allocations), "C" (New Water Supply Demands), F (Cost Allocation Percentages), and "H" (Water Allocation by Project) will be presented for Board consideration. Once approved the amended contract (Clean-up version and amended exhibits) will be sent to the Authority's 5 Customer BOCC's for approval.

7. New Water Supply Needs and Regional Project Selection

Staff will review New Water Supply Demands from Customers and discuss project options to meet Customer needs starting in 2028. Board authorization to move forward on the next regional water supply project will be requested.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2025

1. Tentative Budget for FY 2025

Approve tentative budget of \$256,146,482. Increase of about \$114.6M from last year. ~\$113M (99%) of the increase due to construction on Phase 3C and 2B Pipelines, and completion of final design and initiation of construction on the 18 MGD Surface water System Expansion Project.

Base Rate Average charge (fixed operating costs and debt service) is increased approximately 2.9% due to combined increases in O&M costs and reductions in System-Wide Benefit charges.

The Water Use Rate is projected to increase from \$1.09/1000 gallons to \$1.13/1000 gallons (3.7%) due to increased power and chemical costs.

2. Resolution 2024-06 ‘Resolution Setting Forth Preliminary Schedules of Rates, Fees and Charges for FY 2025’

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

CHAIRMANS REPORT

ROUTINE STATUS REPORTS

1. Hydrologic Conditions Report
2. Check Registers for January and February 2024
3. Peace River Reservoir No. 3 Project (PR3) Final Design
4. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 2B Interconnect
5. Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3C Interconnect
6. DeSoto Booster Pumping Station Project
7. Brackish Groundwater Reverse Osmosis Project at the Peace River Facility
8. Peace River Basin Report

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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PUBLIC COMMENTS *(if necessary)*

Individuals who previously submitted a ‘request to speak’ card to the Authority’s recording clerk and there was inadequate time during the initial Public Comments item for them to speak on non-Voting Agenda Items, will be given three (3) minutes per person to speak on such item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Authority Board Meeting

June 5, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Manatee County Administration Building

Honorable Patricia M. Glass Chambers

1112 Manatee Ave. West, Bradenton, FL

Future Authority Board Meetings

August 7, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. – Sarasota County

October 2, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. – Charlotte County

December 4, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. – DeSoto County

ADJOURNMENT

Visit the Business page of our website www.regionalwater.org to access the Agenda Packet
