



PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

February 22, 2017, 5:00pm

BOARD APPROVED

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Lorna Thomas, Board Chair
Patrick Padgett
Donnell White

Resolution:

2017-01

2017-02

Motions (Carried/Failed):

Resolution 2017-01 Carried
Resolution 2017-02 Carried

Board Members via Teleconference:

David W. Jones, At Large
Rod Parker, Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting of the Public Lighting Authority (PLA) was held February 22, 2017 at the PLA, 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 3100, Detroit, MI 48226. Dr. Lorna Thomas, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Floyd Allen, Legal Counsel, and members in attendance included: Dr. Lorna Thomas, Board Chair; Patrick Padgett, Donnell White. David Jones and Rod Parker joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:10pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

Dr. Lorna Thomas, Board Chair requested one update - Item V. add a "c." for "Transition Update" which will be reported on by Floyd Allen

Motion made to approve the Agenda by: Dr. Lorna Thomas

Motion seconded by: Donnell White

Motion Carried

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made to approve November 16, 2016 minutes and November 23, 2016 Special Teleconference

Meeting Minutes by: Board Chair Dr. Lorna Thomas

Motion seconded by: Donnell White

Vote called Motion Carried



DISCUSSION

December, 2016 Financials/Monthly Report – Mohamed Hassan

- Mohamed Hassan, CFO reviewed the December, 2016 Unaudited Financials.
- Total Current Assets: \$55,139,493; Total Current Liabilities: \$9,921,214; Total Revenue: \$11,355,273.
- Mohamed indicated he will have a much firmer number on what remains due to the contractors once all of the invoices have been received and paid.

Maintenance Project Update – Mohamed Abbas, Project Manager-PLA

- Mohamed Abbas, Project Manager: Reported that the PLA continues to receive between 275-300 work orders monthly and 35-50 knockdowns. Dr. Thomas inquired as to where the majority of our reports are coming from. Mohamed responded that the PLA offers several options: 1) Phone; 2) SeeClickFix (Improve Detroit application); 3) PLA's night crew surveyors.
- Patrick Padgett inquired about foundation conditions when knockdowns occur. Mohamed said that 90% of the time the foundations and poles are damaged and require repair.
- Depending on location and pole, cost to fix can range between \$1,000-\$10,000/per pole.

Transition Update

Floyd Allen, Legal Counsel, confirmed to the group that PLA is coming to the end of our construction activity and going into purely Operations and Maintenance.

In our Operation and Maintenance budget we have to have an organization that fits that particular budget. So, PLA is working through what that looks like and the timing of that.

Floyd stated, because of the way we get reimbursed from the City, we're going to have to address this issue and also the employees who will be impacted by this. Rather than going into details at this meeting, Floyd, Dr. Thomas and Nicolette will meet in the upcoming days to discuss necessary plans to shrink the organization. Dr. Thomas asked for what the timeframe would be for this. Floyd indicated we would start by mid-March so that the transition of employees will be a little less drastic. He indicated there were some real tough negotiations with the City in the beginning of this project. They were trying to shrink the number that was coming over to the Public Lighting Authority and PLA was trying to hold onto it. The number that is being reimbursed was predicated on 50,000 lights and we have 65,000 lights.



NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Floyd Allen presented the nomination of officers. As required by State statute and law, the Board annually has to elect their officers. They have four officers; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Floyd opened up for recommendations:

Donnell White nominated Dr. Lorna Thomas for Chair of the Board

Motion Seconded by: Patrick Padgett

Vote Unanimous

Dr. Thomas nominated Donnell White for Vice Chairman of the Board

Motion Seconded by: David Jones

Vote Unanimous

Dr. Thomas nominated Rod Parker for Treasurer of the Board

Motion Seconded by: Donnell White

Vote Unanimous

Dr. Thomas nominated Patrick Padgett as Secretary of the Board

Motion Seconded by: Donnell White

Vote Unanimous

Congratulations, we have our officers of the Board for 2017!

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2017-01 Resolution Approving a Contract with DTE Electric for Consulting Services

Dr. Thomas reminded the Board that these two resolutions are only resolutions and in no way final.

Patrick Padgett confirmed that this resolution didn't state that contract was for a period of 12 months. Floyd confirmed it will definitely be stated on the contract. This amount is not to exceed \$500,000. Under the contract, PLA will require a purchase order for services.

Motion made to approve Resolution 2017-01 by: Patrick Padgett

Motion seconded by: Donnell White

Vote called Motion Carried



Resolution 2017-02 Renew existing Construction Contracts

This particular resolution is for outstanding items that needed to be finished as far as construction is involved. Floyd felt uncomfortable putting more than \$1M as the number whereas Nicolette is closer to this project and she selected \$5M. We are looking at alley lights. The total estimated on a conservative level would reflect \$4.5-\$5M. Nicolette feels \$1M is restrictive. Parks and viaducts were not part of the scope.

Only things that were in the Plan were the alley lights. Contracts have ended as of December 31, 2016. This resolution is for wrap up services not included in the existing purchase order and contracts.

Motion to Amend Resolution 2017-02 not to exceed \$2M and move for adoption by: Donnell White

Discussion: This starts the conversation. New projects and new P.O.'s will come back to this body in terms of the scope of the work to be done.

Motion seconded by: Patrick Padgett

2 opposed to 3 approved

Vote called Motion Carried

Dr. Lorna Thomas thanked Georgella Muirhead from VanDyke Horn Public Relations for creating and executing the Public Light Authority Lighting Ceremony. It was agreed that everything was so beautiful and well done - even in the extreme cold weather. She said it was magnificent!

The 2016 PLA Annual Reports were handed out to the Board members and attendees. Special thanks to Bob Berg and Georgella Muirhead for this effort. There are additional copies at the PLA office. A mailing will be going out in the next few weeks.

Dr. Thomas said, "We ended the year on an extremely high note. Of course, it always comes back to the people in this room. It's you guys that make it happen. We couldn't do it without you. You have my eternal thanks for all that you do every day in every way. So, thank you again. It's just a pleasure to have gotten to know you. We look forward to continuing together."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lorna Thomas, M.D., Chair, to adjourn at 6:19pm

Motion Carried to Adjourn