

# SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – Lathrup Village Municipal Building

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Mr. Harry Drinkwine, Chairman.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
Bruce Jerome	2	Berkley
Chris Wilson	2	Beverly Hills
Harry Drinkwine	1	Clawson
Jay Mader	1	Huntington Woods
Jeff Mueller	1	Lathrup Village
Scott Pietrzak	1	Pleasant Ridge
Jeff Pierce (Alternate)	9	Royal Oak
Gary Mekjian	17	Southfield
Dick Holloway	<u>1</u>	Southfield Township
TOTAL:	35	

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
Bill Freeman	1	Bingham Farms
Dennis Dembiec	<u>4</u>	Birmingham
TOTAL:	5	

Also Present

J. A. McKeen, General Manager  
M. A. Czuprenski, Operations Director  
J. Schandavel, Authority Engineer  
K. Hyde, Executive Assistant  
C. Lange, Roumell & Lange  
M. Gosling, Board of Water Commissioners, DWSD

- 9361 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. B. Jerome:

That the agenda be approved as submitted.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9362 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. S. Pietrzak:

That the March 11, 2009 Board meeting minutes be approved as typed and circulated.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9363 -

Motion by Mr. B. Jerome, supported by Mr. S. Pietrzak:

That Warrant No. WA-684 in the amount of \$856,802.75 be approved and payments authorized.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9364 -

Motion by Mr. R. Holloway, supported by Mr. J. Mueller:

That the report on the DWSD Water Contract be received and filed.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9365 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. B. Jerome:

That the report on the DWSD Water Rates be received and filed.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9366 -

Mrs. Marilyn Gosling, who serves on the Board of Water Commissioners of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department representing Oakland County, was present at the meeting to update the Board on her activities with DWSD and to answer questions of Board Members.

- 9367 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

That the Board adopt the General Manager's recommended schedule for review and adoption of the proposed Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9368 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. B. Jerome:

That the General Manager submit a brief assessment of his performance over the past year to the Advisory Committee for review and consideration.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9369 -

Motion by Mr. S. Pietrzak, supported by Mr. J. Mueller:

That Board Members be requested to complete the General Counsel Evaluation form and e-mail it to Kathy Hyde by April 30, 2009 for compilation and review at the May Board meeting.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9370 -

Board Members discussed the General Manager's recommendation that the May and June SOCWA Board meetings be held at 9:00 and that SOCWA staff would report on the results of this trial at the July Board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the SOCWA meeting start time at 8:30 a.m.

- 9371 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. S. Pietrzak:

That the General Manager be authorized to purchase two GMC Sierra Trucks at a price of \$40,660 through the Oakland County Purchasing Program.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9372 -

Motion by Mr. S. Pietrzak, supported by Mr. J. Mueller:

That the Board convene in closed session to discuss the Negotiations for the Utility Workers' Labor Agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9373 -

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:09 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 9:18 a.m.

- 9374 -

Motion by Mr. C. Wilson, supported by Mr. J. Mueller:

That the General Manager be authorized to use the legal services of Craig Lange of Roumell & Lange, P.L.C. and make tentative settlements on all aspects of a bargaining agreement, with all tentative settlements subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9375 -

Motion by Mr. J. Mueller, supported by Mr. G. Mekjian:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Jerome, Wilson, Drinkwine, Mader, Mueller, Pietrzak, Pierce, Mekjian, Holloway (35 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Freeman, Dembiec (5 votes)

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Secretary