

SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2009

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – Southfield Public Services Building

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Mr. Harry Drinkwine, Chairman.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
Bill Freeman	1	Bingham Farms
Harry Drinkwine	1	Clawson
Claire Galed (Alternate)	1	Huntington Woods
Jeff Mueller	1	Lathrup Village
Scott Pietrzak	1	Pleasant Ridge
Greg Rassel	9	Royal Oak
Gary Mekjian	17	Southfield
Dick Holloway	<u>1</u>	Southfield Township
TOTAL:	32	

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Municipality</u>
**Bruce Jerome	2	Berkley
*Chris Wilson	2	Beverly Hills
*Dennis Dembiec	<u>4</u>	Birmingham
TOTAL:	8	

Noted for the record: Mr. Dennis Dembiec is retiring from the City of Birmingham and Mr. Paul O'Meara has been appointed to succeed him as Representative on the Board, effective May 15<sup>th</sup>.

\* Messrs. C. Wilson, representative from the Village of Beverly Hills (2 votes) and D. A. Dembiec, representative from the City of Birmingham (4 votes), arrived at 8:40 a.m.

\*\*Mr. B. Jerome, representative from the City of Berkley (2 votes), arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Also Present

J. A. McKeen, General Manager  
M. A. Czuprenski, Operations Director  
J. Schandavel, Authority Engineer  
K. Hyde, Executive Assistant  
R. Davis, General Counsel  
P. O'Meara, City of Birmingham

- 9376 -

Motion by Mrs. C. Galed, supported by Mr. J. Mueller:

That the agenda be approved as submitted.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway (32 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome, Wilson, Dembiec (8 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9377 -

Motion by Mr. S. Pietrzak, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

That the April 8, 2009 Board Meeting minutes be approved as typed and circulated.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway (32 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome, Wilson, Dembiec (8 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9378 -

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

That Warrant No. WA-685 in the amount of \$854,620.45 be approved and payments authorized.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway (32 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome, Wilson, Dembiec (8 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9379 -

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

That the report requesting that each municipality, by resolution, appoint a representative and an alternate representative to serve on the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and forward a certified copy of the resolution to SOCWA be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway (32 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome, Wilson, Dembiec (8 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9380 -

Motion by Mr. S. Pietrzak, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 43 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1963, provides that public hearings be held on proposed budgets of local units of government, and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearings must be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least six days prior to such hearing, in compliance with the provisions of Public Act No. 43;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority's Budget for the fiscal year 2009/10 be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board be authorized to publish notice of this public hearing.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway (32 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome, Wilson, Dembiec (8 votes)

**Motion carried.** It is noted in the Articles of Incorporation that the Daily Tribune is SOCWA's newspaper of record. Please note that the date of the meeting was subsequently changed to Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Messrs. C. Wilson, representative from the Village of Beverly Hills (2 votes) and D. A. Dembiec, representative from the City of Birmingham (4 votes), arrived at 8:40 a.m.

- 9381 -

The General Manager discussed the 2009/10 Budget that includes the sale of water to Bloomfield Hills and entertained questions from the Board. The Budget is scheduled to be adopted at the June 10, 2009 Board Meeting.

- 9382 -

Motion by Mr. G. Mekjian, supported by Mr. G. Rassel:

That the report on the 2009/10 Budget be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec (38 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome (2 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9383 -

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

That the Quarterly Report – April 2009 be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec  
(38 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Jerome (2 votes)

**Motion carried.**

- 9384 -

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

That the report on investments made by the Authority during the period January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec  
(38 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: Jerome (2 votes)

**Motion carried.**

Mr. B. Jerome, representative from the City of Berkley (2 votes), arrived at 8:50 a.m.

- 9385 -

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

That the Quarterly Legal Report prepared by General Counsel Robert Davis which sets forth the current and expected legal work issues in the next quarter be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9386 -

Motion by Mr. B. Jerome, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

That the report on the General Counsel evaluation be received and filed.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9387 -

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

That the Grant of Easement for Water Mains, the Assignment of Easement for Water Mains and the Bill of Sale documents be approved and, further that the General Manager be hereby authorized to execute and deliver these documents on behalf of the Board to DWSD as part of the required work on the property transfer issues relative to the water contract between SOCWA & DWSD.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9388 -

Motion by Mr. B. Jerome, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

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

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9389 -

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

That the Water Agreement that runs to June 30, 2020 with the Detroit Zoological Society be approved.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9390 -

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

That the Board approve contracting with the MML for Workers' Compensation Insurance for the cost of \$14,384 for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec, Jerome (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

- 9391 -

The Chairman ordered the meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m. to permit the Boards of Trustees of SOCWA & SOCRRA to meet jointly to review the report regarding salary and benefit adjustments for the administrative staff for the fiscal year 2009/10.

- 9392 -

The joint meeting of the SOCWA and SOCRRA Boards was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Messrs. B. Jerome and G. Mekjian were out of the room when the meeting was called back to order, returning at 9:33 a.m. and 9:35 a.m., respectively.

- 9393 -

Motion by Mr. D. A. Dembiec, supported by Mr. B. Jerome:

That the following list of the SOCWA & SOCRRA Advisory Committees' recommendations regarding fiscal year 2009/10 salary and benefit adjustments for the administrative staff be implemented, effective July 1, 2009:

1. Salary ranges decreased by 0.9% as of July 1, 2009, consistent with Rehmann Robson's recommendation to annually adjust the salary ranges based on CPI data.
2. No general salary increase, with the exception of a one step salary increase (\$1,180) for the Accounting Clerk/Receptionist to recognize increased job responsibilities.
3. Health care insurance changed from PPO2 to PPO3.
4. Medical reimbursement accounts increased by \$300 for each employee that is covered by our health care insurance.
5. No changes to the General Manager's contract.
6. General Manager directed to change to a high deductible Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan combined with a self insurance plan for part of the deductible as of January 1, 2010.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec, Jerome (23 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: Mekjian (17 votes)

**Motion carried.** Mr. G. Mekjian was out of the room during the vote, returning shortly thereafter.

- 9394 -

Motion by Mrs. C. Galed, supported by Mr. R. Holloway:

That the joint and regular meetings be adjourned.

Yeas: Freeman, Drinkwine, Galed, Mueller, Pietrzak, Rassel, Mekjian, Holloway, Wilson, Dembiec,  
Jerome (40 votes)

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion carried.**

The meetings were adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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

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Secretary