

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Northern Kentucky Water District was held on September 16, 2003 at the District's Aqua Drive office. Commissioners Hemmer, Koester, Sommerkamp, Veatch and Wagner were present. Commissioner Jackson was absent. Also present were Ron Lovan, Ron Barrow, Bari Joslyn, Richard Harrison, Mark Lofland, Bob Buhrlage, Mollie Bailey, Jim Dierig, Don Gibson, Wayne Pennington, Andy Remlinger, Mary Carol Wagner, Bill Wulfeck, Jill Cahill, Ed Nordloh, Charles Pangburn and Connie Reekers.

Mr. Koester called the meeting to order.

Ms. Bailey of the District staff led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board received public comments from Ed Nordloh commending the District for its handling of security issues at the Fort Thomas Treatment Plant.

The Board recognized Mollie Bailey and Wayne Pennington for passing the Kentucky Class IIIA Water Treatment Operator's Certification Exam on their first attempt.

The Commissioners present reviewed correspondence received and news articles published since the last regular meeting.

After review and on motion of Mr. Veatch, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Commissioners present unanimously approved the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 19, 2003.

After review and on motion of Mr. Veatch, seconded by Dr. Sommerkamp, the Commissioners present unanimously approved the expenditures of the District for the month of August, 2003.

Mr. Gibson of the District staff presented a proposed change order to the 2003 Cleaning & Lining Contract. After review and discussion and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Sommerkamp, the Commissioners present unanimously agreed to extend the contract with Aqua Rehab for the cleaning and lining of the Center Street, Kenton County mainline.

Mr. Gibson presented a proposed change order to the 2003 Asphalt Restoration Contract. After review and discussion and on motion of Mr. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Commissioners present unanimously agreed to extend the contract with the Queen City Blacktop Company Inc. for the remainder of 2003.

Mr. Harrison of the District staff presented bids for the Highland Pike, Jefferson Avenue and Euclid Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. After review and on motion of Dr. Sommerkamp, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Commissioners present unanimously agreed to award the contract to Spartan Construction.

Mr. Harrison presented a resolution to accept the grant for Project No. WX21117201, approving the grant assistance agreement, authorizing the amendment of local budget, and authorizing a representative to sign all related documents. On motion of Mr. Veatch, seconded by Dr. Sommerkamp, the Commissioners present unanimously adopted the resolution.

The Board reviewed the District finance reports and Department reports. Mr. Lofland reported District staff met with the Sanitation District to review Northern Kentucky Water District's Customer Information System Replacement Project. Staff reviewed the UIM / CIS needs assessment and continued through the progress made in developing the bid specifications as well as the Northern Kentucky Water District's time table for procurement and implementation. The Sanitation District reviewed for staff the recent changes they completed with their billing operation including storm water and a new bill format. Representatives of the two Districts discussed briefly issues that would impact the two Districts if a monthly billing schedule were to be considered. While there does not appear to be any immediate need for a monthly schedule, the two staffs agreed that possible advantages/disadvantages should be investigated. Additionally the two staffs discussed a property owner's (landlord) responsibility for tenant's arrears and what tools the Districts have for collection enforcement. Northern Kentucky Water District is limited by the Kentucky Public Service Commission as to how much a property owner can be made responsible for a tenant's bad debt.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Sommerkamp, the Commissioners present unanimously agreed to go into executive session under the provisions of KRS 61.810 (1) (b) and (c) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property and proposed litigation.

The Board returned to open session.

Mr. Hemmer excused himself from the meeting and departed.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Sommerkamp, the Commissioners present unanimously agreed to go into executive session under the provisions of KRS 61.810 (1) (b) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property.

The Board returned to open session.

On motion of Dr. Sommerkamp seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Commissioners present voted on authorizing the execution of a letter of intent to purchase approximately 24.397 acres of real property, facilities and improvements located at 2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger, Kentucky subject to the negotiation of an appropriate Purchase Agreement, the approval of the Purchase Agreement by the Board of Commissioners of the District and the approval of both the acquisition and the financing by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and authorizing the Chairman, President and staff to commence negotiation of an appropriate purchase agreement. The motion carried with Mr. Koester, Dr. Sommerkamp and Mr. Wagner voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Veatch in opposition.

Other matters of a general nature were discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.