

**Western Townships Utilities Authority**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday, April 24, 2006  
WTUA MIDDLE ROUGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

The regular meeting of the Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 24, 2006 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Thomas J. Yack.

Present:

Thomas Yack  
Richard Reaume

Absent:

Mark Abbo

Also present were:

Marjorie Banner, Northville Township Trustee

Aaron Sprague           WTUA

Jack Polhill             OMI

The first item of business was public comment, non-agenda items: There was none.

The next order of business was acceptance of the agenda: Following discussion and upon hearing no objections; it was

R-06-04-35           Resolved to accept the agenda as amended, adding item #VIII (c)  
Budget Amendment; Instrumentation and Controls Upgrade.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2006. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-36           Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March  
27, 2006 as presented.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Treasurer's Report. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-37           Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for April 2006  
of \$883,913.28 and pre-approved payroll for May of \$19,094.86.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of March 2006. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-38 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of March 2006.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Directors Report for the month of April 2006. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-39 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of April 2006.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Lower Rouge EQ Basin Quarterly Report. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-40 Resolved to receive and file the quarterly Lower Rouge EQ Basin Report.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was 36" YCUA Force Main Knife Gate Valve Replacement: WTUA has two (2) force mains that can deliver flow to YCUA (30 inches and 36 inches in diameter). However, only the 30" force main has been utilized to date. The design intent of the two force mains was to use the 30" pipe until sometime in the future, at which point flow would be switched to the 36" force main. The 36" force main was pressure tested after its construction was completed; however, because it has not been operated and because of the large amount of construction on Michigan Avenue over the past few years, the force main needs to be pressure tested prior to initiating its use. Each of the force mains has 29 air release valves, each of which has a knife gate valve that allows for isolation and removal of the air release valve for maintenance and/or replacement. In order for the force main to pass the pressure testing, each of these knife valves must be watertight. Purchase of the additional valves will allow the removal and replacement of the existing valves, pressure test the removed valves, and place those that pass back in service prior to pressure testing the force main. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume supported by Yack; it was

- R-06-04-41 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to purchase seven (7) knife gate valves from Kennedy Industries for a cost not to exceed \$4,690.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The Next Order of business was MDOT Bike Path; Permit to Construct and Easement Agreement: For over two years, MDOT has been trying to construct a bike path on the south side of the WTUA Lower Rouge facility property. The primary stumbling block has been the long-term maintenance of the bike path, as well as indemnification from MDOT for liability associated with the path's construction. An agreement has been reached that satisfies our concerns. Upon completion of construction, Canton Township will take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the bike path. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume, supported by Yack; it was

- R-06-04-42 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations grand to MDOT a Permit to Construct for the proposed bike path on the WTUA Lower Rouge property; and  
Further, to grant to Canton Township an Easement to use, maintain, repair and replace said bike path upon its completion;  
and

Finally, that the Director of Operations sign and execute these agreements.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was Budget Amendment; Instrumentation and Controls Upgrade: At the October, 2004 Board meeting, a budget of \$281,240 was established for replacement of the Instrumentation and Controls (I&C) system at the Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities. The work at Middle Rouge has been completed and is operating. The hardware and programming for Lower Rouge have nearly been completed and installation will commence shortly. During the design/pre-implementation phase of the Lower Rouge work, two additional items were identified that would greatly improve the reliability and functionality of the system as a whole. The first item is incorporation of the existing pressure sensors and the second item constitutes increasing the reliability of the I&C systems by setting up concurrent polling at both facilities. The addition of these two items requires increasing the budget from \$281,240 to \$287,023 or an increase of \$5,783. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume, supported by Yack; it was

- R-06-04-43 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to increase the budget for the upgrade of the instrumentation and control panels at Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge facilities from a total cost of \$281,240 to \$287,023;  
and

Further, to amend the agreement with Aggressive Systems, Inc. (ASI) to reflect the addition of these two items and their respective costs.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was 2006 Goals. At the March 27<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting, the Board requested that the 2006 goals be tabled until the April meeting in order that time lines be included with each goal. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume, supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-44 Resolved to approve the 2006 goals as presented.

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was YCUA Plant Expansion Update. Following discussion and upon motion by Reaume, supported by Yack; it was

R-06-04-45 Resolved to receive and file the report on the YCUA expansion project from the Director of Operations .

Ayes: Reaume, Yack

Nays: None

Absent: Abbo

The next order of business was public comments: There were none.

The next order of business was Commissioners' Comments:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Yack  
Chairperson