

**ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 2, 2023**

Members Present:

K. Connell
P. Carroll
R. Diaz
M. Genito
G. Hoehmann – arrived 6:16 pm
T. Kenny
A. Simon
M. Specht
J. Tursi

Members Absent:

S. Lehman

Others Present:

M. Saber, M. Dolphin, T. Phillips, E. Bondar, L. Apotheker

Item #1: The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

M. Specht: I'll call to order the meeting for the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 for tonight, November 2, 2023. I'm going to ask Commissioner Genito to lead us in the Pledge.

Item #2: Roll Call

M. Specht: Could you call the roll at this time?

Item #3: Public Participation

M. Specht: We'll go to Public Participation. If there's anyone in the audience wishing to speak at this time, please give us your name and address. Anybody wish to speak? There appears to be nobody.

Item #4:

**RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2023
ADOPT MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2023**

WHEREAS, K. Connell offered the following resolution, which was seconded by P. Carroll and approved unanimously, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 Meeting of October 10, 2023, as recorded by the Clerk, are hereby adopted.

Item #5:

M. Specht: I'll ask Mr. Saber to speak about this item.

M. Saber: This contract will include replacing the existing pumps, suction/discharge piping, valves, motors, motor control centers, variable frequency drives, controls, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, and architectural building components. It also includes upgrades to the force mains including the replacement of the air relief and cleanout valves.

Ninety-two (92) Plan Holders accessed and/or downloaded the Bidding Documents at the website.

Four (4) bids were received on October 11, 2023. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is ECCO III Enterprises, Inc. at \$18,476,000. References were checked. I recommend that the Board award this contract.

M. Specht: Thank you. Any questions for the Executive Director?

Motion to Approve:
Carroll/Diaz

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RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2023
AWARD OF CONTRACT RFB-RC-SWR-2022-06
UNION HILL AND TALLMAN PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT

WHEREAS, bids for Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2022-06, Union Hill and Tallman Pump Station Upgrades Project were advertised and received on October 11, 2023, and,

WHEREAS, this contract for the pump stations will include replacing the existing pumps, suction/discharge piping, valves, motors, motor control centers, variable frequency drives, controls, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, architectural building components, and appurtenances, and upgrades to the force mains, and,

WHEREAS, the upgrades to the force mains will include replacing air relief and cleanout valves and appurtenances, and,

WHEREAS, the work is located in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, and,

WHEREAS, the District developed a Scope of Services and the Purchasing Department solicited bids under RFB-RC-SWR-2022-06, Union Hill and Tallman Pump Station Upgrades Project, and,

WHEREAS, in a memo dated October 19, 2023, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) has indicated that a total of four (4) bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
ECCO III Enterprises, Inc.	\$18,476,000
Jett Industries, Inc.	\$18,986,900
Mace Contracting Corp.	\$22,793,000
Halcyon Construction Corp.	\$25,737,000

and,

WHEREAS, the bids have been checked and tabulated by EDR, and,

WHEREAS, ECCO III Enterprises has submitted the lowest bid for the work described in the contract documents, and,

WHEREAS, references for ECCO III Enterprises, Inc. have been checked and they have completed similar projects in the past in a satisfactory manner, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby awards Contract RFB-RC-SWR-2022-06, Union Hill and Tallman Pump Station Upgrades Project to ECCO III Enterprises, Inc. 201 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, NY 10701 in the amount of \$18,476,000, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and the Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Legislature for their approval.

Item #6: Quarterly Report

M. Saber: Currently, the normal expenditures appear to be within reason with a few exceptions but the need to purchase a new centrifuge at the installed cost of \$928,775 is causing some budgetary issues. At the last Board meeting, I had requested the release of contingency with the understanding that I would not forward the request to the County Executive unless needed. Within two days of the Board meeting, an \$83,000 expense arose, and the request was forwarded.

The overtime line item is running high in two (2) of the four (4) departments but is being offset by vacant positions.

In Department 8130, accounts E4060, Equipment Repairs and E4090, Fees for Services are running low but will be compensated for from other line items.

The overall budget will continue to be monitored.

M. Specht: Thank you, Mr. Saber. Any questions about this item?

Item #7: Orangeburg Plant Performance

M. Saber: In your packet is a summary of some of the performance parameters of the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg. The CBOD limit of 85% removal was met the last couple of months. We are continuing to monitor our progress for October.

M. Specht: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Saber?

Item #8: New Business

M. Specht: I believe you have an item you want to advise us about.

M. Saber: On September 27th, we received a Notice of Violation from the NYSDEC. We had about twenty-eight (28) sanitary sewer overflows over the last year. They wanted a response back by October 27th. They basically wanted us to update our preventative maintenance plan and what we're doing for dry weather overflows. A lot of the issues were at the same locations. For example, at the North pump station we had a problem with the main breaker. There's only two stations that are set up like this and North is one of them. When the emergency generator goes on, it doesn't bypass the main breaker. So, when the main breaker failed, we couldn't run it on generator and we couldn't run it on main power. It took a little bit to diagnose what was wrong with the main breaker. Eventually, we finally had to replace it. So, there were about five (5) overflows related to that. We had the station manned, thought we had it fixed, didn't man the station, and then it would overflow. Right now, it's been good for probably about a month because we replaced the main breaker. At Union Hill, which is what the Board just approved, we've been having a problem with one of our vendors doing repairs and getting pumps in and other pieces of equipment back in a timely fashion. We asked Purchasing to rebid that job because we weren't getting the proper service we were needing and a lot of issues where we just couldn't get equipment in a timely fashion and repaired in a timely fashion. So, those were the basic responses we sent back. Saddle River was another one which had a lot to do with rags and we're going to be putting in some mechanical bar screens there under a capital project that the Board approved earlier this year. That's going to be moving forward as well. So, I just wanted to let the Board know that we did respond. The response just went back last week so we haven't heard back from them yet.

M. Specht: Do we expect to receive a response from them?

M. Saber: Usually we don't. We updated the report as they requested. We addressed the items from the majority of those spills in there. There was a one off here or there that didn't necessarily get addressed but we took an overall look at it and updated it. It hasn't been updated since, I think, 2008. So, we updated it with the new procedures and things like that. We have a new updated dry weather overflow report plan at least.

M. Specht: Very good. Any questions for Mr. Saber about this item?

At this point, that concludes our agenda.

G. Hoehmann: Mr. Chairman, could I just add?

M. Specht: Sure.

G. Hoehmann: Our outside legal counsel, Teno West, is not here. He suffered a loss in his family. Maybe we could close in memory of his father-in-law who passed away, unfortunately from cancer about a week and a half ago.

S. Specht: Thank you for telling us. Thank you.

Yes, I would suggest then that we do a Motion to Adjourn in memory of Teno West's father-in-law.

G. Hoehmann: Maybe moved and seconded by the entire Board?

S. Specht: Very good. Anyone opposed? That motion carries. So, we stand adjourned in memory of Teno's father-in-law. Thank you.

Thank you everybody. Have a very good night.

Motion to Adjourn.

**RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2023
ADJOURNMENT**

The Board offered and seconded the following resolution, which was approved unanimously by the entire Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the November 2, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, is hereby adjourned in memory of Lauri Etela, the father-in-law of our outside legal counsel, Teno West.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Langan
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Rockland County Sewer District No. 1