



BROWNSVILLE
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

TO: Brownsville Public Utilities Board
FROM: Art Rendon, Chair
SUBJECT: Notice of a Regular Board Meeting

Date: August 11, 2023

MEETING DATE: **August 14, 2023**
MEETING TIME: **5:00 PM**
MEETING LOCATION: **BPUB Annex Building
Board Room
1425 Robinhood Drive
Brownsville, Texas 78521**

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

MEETING AGENDA

Call Open Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM

CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR U.S. FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Board Travel in Accordance with the Statement of Policy for Travel by Board Members of the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board—Marilyn D. Gilbert
2. Consideration and Possible Action on the Proposals for Commercial Paper Dealer Services—Miguel A. Perez
3. Consideration and Possible Action to Extend the Contract for External Audit Services with Burton, McCumber & Longoria, LLP for Year Two—Miguel A. Perez
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Bid Award for the Annual Supply of Flexible Base (Type A Limestone/Type F Caliche)—Diane Solitaire
5. Consideration and Possible Action of Bid Award for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the Cannery Public Market Project(B039-23)—Marie Leal
6. Consideration and Possible Action to approve the Professional Engineering and Surveying Contract with Garver for the FM 511 24-inch Waterline Project—Marie Leal
7. Consideration and Possible Action to Purchase One (1) Front Wheel Loader with a Three (3) Cubic Yard Bucket—Marie Leal
8. Consideration and Possible Action to Extend the Contract for the Annual Hauling and Loading Services for the Third and Final Year—Jaime Estrada
9. Consideration and Possible Action to Reject the Bid for the Annual Hauling and Loading Services—Jaime Estrada
10. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Bid Award for the Annual Supply of Fuel—Diane Solitaire
11. Consideration and Possible Action for Bid Award for the Annual Supply of Water and Power Plant Chemicals—Jaime Estrada

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. General Manager's Report:
 - a. Board Calendar—Marilyn D. Gilbert
 - b. Financial Report—Monica Cavazos
 - c. Engineering and Legal Fees Monthly Expenses—Monica Cavazos
 - d. City of Brownsville Capital Work Orders Report—Monica Cavazos
 - e. Introduction of New Bill Format—Eddy Hernandez
 - f. Public Utilities Board Consumer Advisory Panel Update—Eliza Vasquez
 - g. Drought Update—Rene Mariscal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- THERE IS A FIVE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO A SPEAKER.
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION (IF ANY) BEFORE SPEAKING.

- IF AN ISSUE ADDRESSED IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.
- 2. Discussion on the Quarterly Investment Activity Report for Period Ended June 30, 2023, Pursuant to Chapter 2256.023 of the Public Funds Investment Act—Jorge Santillan
- 3. Presentation and Discussion Related to Brownsville Public Utilities Board Energy Efficiency Rebate Program—Mirta Vasquez
- 4. Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute Professional Consulting and Technical Service Contracts for the New 56MVA Distribution Ocelot Substation, and the Palo Alto Substation Power Transformer Addition—Cesar A. Cortinas

RECESS TO CLOSED MEETING to Consider Matters Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Chapter 551, et seq.

CLOSED MEETING

At this time the items on the Agenda designated for Closed Meeting will be considered. If there is an approved motion to go into Closed Meeting the listeners will be placed on "hold" until the Board returns to Open Meeting.

- 1. Meeting with Board's legal counsel for advice about contemplated and pending court and administrative litigation and on matters in which the duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 (Sec. 551.071).
- 2. Discussion and consultation with Board Counsel of any pending litigation against Brownsville Public Utilities Board (Sec. 551.071).
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on the Request for Qualifications for Federal Legislative and Consulting Services (Sec. 551.074 and 551.071)
- 4. Presentation and discussion related to Large-Scale Business Development Opportunities, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 (Sec. 551.087, Sec. 551.086, and Sec. 551.071).
- 5. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation of information upon pricing of purchased power, generation, and fuel and their impact upon the Fuel, Purchased Energy, and Marketing Charge and possible discussion (Sec. 551.086).

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

CONTINUATION – ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5. Consideration and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting
- 6. Discussion and/or Requests for Future Agenda Items

Adjournment



 Art Rendon, Chair

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The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Board Resolution No. A2009-1012 (IC10), the "Amended Rules of the Public Utilities Board." Once the Meeting is convened with a quorum present, the Presiding Officer may change the order of business for purposes of accommodation of the Board members or participants and to permit a more orderly consideration of related agenda items.

The BPUB reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), § 551.074 (Personnel Matters), § 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), § 551.086 (Public Utility Competitive Matters), § 551.087 (Economic Development), and § 551.089 (Department of Information Resources).

I certify that a copy of the August 14, 2023 agenda of items to be considered by the BPUB was posted on

8/11/23.

ATTEST:


Rosa Burton, Recording Secretary