

REGULAR MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M., BRINSON BOARD ROOM, JAMES C. WELSH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Present were Director Manny Ortega, Director Ethel Urbina, Director Rae Hemphill, Director Jeanne Van Meter, Mayor Olga Gonzalez, President & General Manager, Brian Horton, General Counsel, Grant Lacerte and Recording Secretary, Margie Boles. Director Raymond Sanchez was not present.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Director Ortega called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Board members and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ACTION: Director Hemphill made a motion, seconded by Director Van Meter to approve the agenda.**

**MOTION PASSED 4 – 0**

D. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 5-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – JAMES FLAMMER. POWER PLANT OPERATOR/MECHANIC, OPERATIONS
2. 10-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – CHRIS MCGUIRE, NETWORK TECHNICIAN, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
3. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2023 – YARITZA KAING, COLLECTIONS ANAYLST, CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mr. Horton advised Yaritza is not present. Mr. Horton congratulated Yaritza for being selected the employee of the month for January 2023.

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – JULIA MASON, CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST, CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mr. Horton congratulated Julia for being selected the employee of the year for 2022.

5. RECOGNITION OF 2023 CALENDAR ART CONTEST WINNERS

Tiffany Henderson, Director of Corporate Communications provided a presentation introducing the winners of KUA's 2023 Electrical Safety Calendar. The 12 winners are as follows; Mater Palms Academy - Delilah Gonzalez, grade 5 (grand prize winner); Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Erick Briceño, grade 3; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Emmanuel Real, grade 3; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Maribelle Torrez, grade 4; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Jacob Eli Ortiz, grade 5; St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School - Skylar Hawkins, grade 1; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Maria Valesco, grade 1; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Anabella Acuna Gomez, grade 3; Flora Ridge Elementary School- Ivan Walters, grade 1; Kissimmee Charter Academy-Rebeca Sue Goodwin, grade 3; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Julianna Mapalo, grade 4; Holy Redeemer Catholic School - Kylan Esquivel, grade 1.

At 3:40 p.m. Director Ortega requested a 5 minute recess.

Director Ortega called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and continued with the agenda.

E. HEAR THE AUDIENCE

Director Ortega asked if anyone from the public would like to address the Board on an item that is not listed on the agenda. In hearing none, the Board moved forward to the agenda.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Urbina, to approve the two items under consent agenda.**

**MOTION PASSED 4 - 0**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2022 BOARD MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF OSCEOLA ARTS SPONSORSHIP

**RECOMMENDATION: Approve a \$10,000 sponsorship to support Osceola Arts**

G. PUBLIC HEARING - None

H. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (REQUIRING NO ACTION)

1. A HERO FOR KIDS, INC.

Ms. Henderson introduced Ms. Andrea Barba, vice president of A Hero for Kids, Inc., who provided a short presentation on the positive impact KUA's financial contributions have made for the organization and thanked the Board and KUA for the continued support.

Director Urbina asked about the bus project. Ms. Barba advised this project is temporarily stalled due to the cost of materials going up. There was continued discussion on the project.

I. OLD BUSINESS - None

1. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE ANNUAL HARRIS CIS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Chris Reigle, Applications Development Manager of Information Technology, advised the Board that this expenditure would provide for the 2023 annual software maintenance and support the Harris/Advanced Utility, Customer Information System (CIS), which expires on December 31, 2022. This annual maintenance costs ensure that the CIS system is maintained and supported by the vendor.

**ACTION: Director Urbina made a motion, seconded by Director Van Meter to approve the annual CIS maintenance and support expenditure with Advanced Utility Systems in the amount of \$357,598.72 and authorize the President and General Manager to execute the necessary documentation.**

**MOTION PASSED 4 - 0**

J. NEW BUSINESS - None

K. STAFF REPORTS

1. HUMAN RESOURCES SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Cindy Herrera, vice president of Human Resources, presented an overview on the various Human Resource related statistics, which included demographics in the workplace, KUA's Tuition Reimbursement Program, safety & risk management, health care costs and wellness initiatives.

The Board thanked Ms. Herrera for a great presentation.

L. HEAR ATTORNEY, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS

Mr. Lacerte provided an update on legislative matters regarding Reedy Creek.

Director Van Meter asked if Reedy Creek and KUA are the same.

Mr. Lacerte advised no, Reedy Creek is a government entity and they do provide electricity to their few customers but they are not like KUA.

Mr. Horton shared the dates of the upcoming events.

Mayor Gonzalez gave staff Kudos for everything they do for employees.

The Board wished all a Happy New Year.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Director Ortega adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.



Secretary

  
Chair