

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000, 4:07 P.M., BRINSON BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA.

Present were Chairman Walter, Director Gemskie, Director Toro, Director Shearer, Mayor Gant, Attorney Brinson, General Manager Welsh and Recording Secretary Fizer.

A. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 4:07 P.M. by Chairman Walter.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Attorney Brinson administered the oath of office to George Gant. The Board congratulated Mayor Gant and he took the seat as Mayor Ex-Officio board member.

D. **BOARD APPLICANT REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Chairman Walter announced that there were four board applicants that would be interviewed for the upcoming board vacancy.

Chairman Walter reviewed the procedure for the interviews. Director Shearer asked about the use of the ratings on the questionnaire and Chairman Walter explained that they were designed as an aid for the evaluator.

David McKim arrived at 4:15 p.m. Chairman Walter informed Mr. McKim that he would be asked a set of questions by General Manger Welsh and that the Board may ask additional questions.

General Manager Welsh completed the list of questions and other board members joined in the discussion with Mr. McKim. Chairman Walter thanked Mr. McKim for his interest in the board position. Upon Mr. McKim's departure, the Board reviewed his qualifications.

Mary Carr arrived at 4:45 p.m. Chairman Walter informed her that she would be asked a set of questions by General Manger Welsh and that the Board may ask additional questions.

General Manager Welsh completed the list of questions and other board members joined in the discussion with Ms. Carr. Chairman Walter thanked Ms. Carr for her interest in the board position. Upon Ms. Carr's departure, the Board reviewed her qualifications.

Chuck Cornett arrived at 5:07 p.m. Chairman Walter informed Mr. Cornett that he would be asked a set of questions by General Manger Welsh and that the Board may ask additional questions.

General Manager Welsh completed the list of questions and other board members joined in the discussion with Mr. Cornett. Chairman Walter thanked him for his interest in the board position. Upon Mr. Cornett's departure, the Board reviewed his qualifications.

Bill Hart arrived at 5:35 p.m. Chairman Walter informed Mr. Hart that he would be asked a set of questions by General Manger Welsh and that the Board may ask additional questions.

General Manager Welsh completed the list of questions and other board members joined in the discussion with Mr. Hart. Chairman Walter thanked Mr. Hart for his interest in the board position. The Board reviewed his qualifications. They discussed the comparative strengths of the applicants.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Gemskie, to recommend to the City Commission to accept Bill Hart as KUA's nomination for the vacant KUA board seat.

Motion carried 4 - 0

Chairman Walter said for the record that he felt each candidate was outstanding and strong on different points. He further stated that the community should be refreshed that capable candidates are applying for these positions.

Director Toro asked that the General Manager convey to each candidate how well they interviewed and to not hesitate in applying in the future.

Mayor Gant noted that it was really unfair to consider the next nine months a full term and wanted discussion on how to present this nomination to the City Commission. The rule of thirteen was discussed.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Shearer, to direct the President & General Manager to draft a change to the existing resolution addressing the terms of the KUA board members and to request that Mayor Gant make the City Commission aware of this discussion.

Motion carried 4 - 0

President Welsh noted that he would be submitting the name of Bill Hart to the City Commission for their consideration at the commission meeting on Tuesday, December 12th.

E. TOKEN RING TO ETHERNET CONVERSION CAPITAL PROJECT

KUA uses a token ring to connect the internal network and over the years it has become obsolete and hard to manage. In the budget there is a capital project for \$100,000 to perform the conversion from the Token Ring infrastructure to an Ethernet infrastructure.

Cheryl Mears, Manager of IT Operations, noted that the change to the Ethernet cards would be done in-house. The switches and cabling would be done by state contract vendor Avaya.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Shearer, to authorize the President and General Manager to approve the necessary purchase to the vendors stated in the agenda item to upgrade KUA's Token Ring infrastructure to Ethernet and the associated cabling using the capital project funds set aside in the budget once the purchasing details are finalized.

Motion carried 4 - 0

F. APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT WITH AND AWARD OF CERTAIN MAJOR OVERHAUL CONTRACT TO GENERAL ELECTRIC - CANE ISLAND UNIT 1

Ben Sharma, director of Power Supply, was available to answer any questions asked by the Board. Attorney Brinson said that he concurred that Mr. Sharma had negotiated a good settlement.

ACTION: Motion by Director Shearer, seconded by Director Gemskie, to approve the \$1 million settlement with General Electric in lieu of the free DLN system for Unit 1 and award the contract to GE to carry out the 10,000 hour major overhaul of Unit 1 for the price of \$1,592,748.84. Also authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to execute the settlement letter.

Motion carried 4 - 0

G. CANE ISLAND UNIT 3 - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TETON INDUSTRIAL - THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR EXPEDITED WORK EFFORTS

President Welsh explained that over the past two months there have been several delivery delays by some of the project's major equipment manufacturers. These delays have impacted the construction work associated with Cane Island Unit 3.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Shearer, to approve the additional funding of \$282,707 to Teton Industrial for their additional construction efforts related to the timely completion of Cane Island Unit 3.

Motion carried 4 - 0

H. COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

General Manager Welsh noted that KUA supports over 45 local organizations and events each year. This year all of the events coordinated by the City's Parks & Recreation Department have been combined into a single request.

ACTION: Motion by Director Shearer, seconded by Director Gemskie, to approve staff's

recommendation that KUA sponsor the City of Kissimmee's Parks & Recreation 2000-2001 activities totaling \$18,000.

Motion carried 4 - 0

General Manager Welsh requested that another agenda item be considered by the Board.

ACTION: Motion by Director Gemskie, seconded by Director Toro, to place on the agenda Acceptance of Sovereign Submerged Lands Easement From The State of Florida.

Motion carried 4 - 0

I. ACCEPTANCE OF SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS EASEMENT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Mr. Welsh explained that the route of the three and half mile long 230 kV transmission line from Cane Island to Florida Power Corporation's Intercession City Power Plant - which is an associated facility of the Cane Island Unit 3 project, has to cross certain Sovereign Submerged Lands of the Reedy Creek Wetlands. To be able to do so KUA needs an easement from the State of Florida.

ACTION: Motion by Director Toro, seconded by Director Gemskie, to approve the acceptance of the Sovereign Submerged Lands Easement from the State of Florida and authorize the Chairman to execute the same.

Motion carried 4 - 0

J. HEAR GENERAL MANAGER, ATTORNEY, DIRECTORS

General Manager Welsh noted that the next regular board meeting would be on January 24, 2001 and asked that discussion be held on changing the time of the regular board meetings. **It was the consensus of the Board to make this change from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** He wished everyone happy holidays.

Attorney Brinson gave a brief report on the development of the Doubletree issue and the negotiations with Hershey Meter Company. He also commended Mr. Welsh and Mr. Turner on getting the insurance carrier on board quickly after the recent train wreck.

Mayor Gant wished all happy holidays.

Director Shearer made a suggestion to change the order of the service awards on the board agendas listing them from least amount of service to most. He also noted Chris Gent, manager of communications, had been made chairman of Communications Board for APPA.

Director Toro wish all happy holidays as did Director Gemskie. Director Gemskie also congratulated Bill Hart on his nomination to the City Commission for the KUA board vacancy.

K. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY