

**TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**TIME:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:00 PM – 4:40 PM

**PLACE:** Office of the Commission

**PRESENT:** Chairman Blackwell, Commissioner Corr, Commissioner Hebert, Manager Holmes, Attorney Pollart (KP Law), Ms. Silveira, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tremont, Mr. Frank, Mr. Irving, Mr. Bell, Mr. October

Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order.

Chairman Blackwell called for a roll call.

**Present**

**Absent**

Commissioner Hebert  
Commissioner Corr  
Chairman Blackwell

**MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve. Unanimous.

22-113

**REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 16, 2022**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 23, 2022**

**REGULAR WARRANT OF JUNE 30, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve. Unanimous.

22-114

**AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS**

**Interoffice Communication from Jim Irving and Peter Botelho to Kimberly Holmes dated June 28, 2022: Subject: 2022/2023 Welding Services (RFP 22-02)**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

*Requests for Proposals RFP 22-02 were solicited for welding services with the option of annual extensions for up to three years of service from the following organizations:*

- *New England Mechanical Overlay, Inc., Pittsfield, NH*
- *O'Connor Corporation, Canton, MA*
- *Thielsch Engineering, Cranston, RI*

*TMLP received three responses. Upon reviewing these responses, it was determined that only O'Connor Corporation and Thielsch Engineering met RFP requirements as indicated in the attached table.*

*TMLP recommends using both O'Connor Corporation and Thielsch Engineering to ensure expedited 24/7 welding services for enhanced plant reliability and availability at the lowest cost.*

**MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2022**

**Action Requested**

Please award RFP 22-02 an annual contract for welding services to both O'Connor Corporation and Thielsch Engineering for no specific dollar amount, with optional annual extensions for up to three years of service.

TMLP RFP 22-02									
General Plant Welding Services 2022/2023									
	O'Connor Corporation				Thielsch Engineering, Inc.				New England Mechanical Overlay
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Boiler Maker General Foreman ST (\$/hr)	136.04	140.12	145.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	Did not meet RFP Requirements
Boiler Maker General Foreman OT (\$/hr)	194.29	200.12	207.00	214.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	
Boiler Make General Foreman Holiday (\$/hr)	252.55	260.13	269.00	277.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	
Boiler Maker Foreman ST (\$/hr)	133.23	137.23	142.00	147.00	130.00	130.00	150.00	150.00	
Boiler Maker Foreman OT (\$/hr)	190.22	195.93	203.00	209.00	165.00	165.00	185.00	185.00	
Boiler Make Foreman Holiday (\$/hr)	247.21	254.63	263.00	272.00	165.00	165.00	185.00	185.00	
Boiler Maker Journeyman ST (\$/hr)	122.03	125.69	130.00	135.00	120.00	120.00	135.00	135.00	
Boiler Maker Journeyman OT (\$/hr)	174.08	179.30	186.00	192.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	
Boiler Maker Journeyman Holiday (\$/hr)	226.12	232.90	241.00	249.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	
Pipe Fitter General Foreman ST (\$/hr)	137.55	141.88	147.00	151.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	
Pipe Fitter General Foreman OT (\$/hr)	179.91	185.31	191.00	197.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	
Pipe Fitter General Foreman Holiday (\$/hr)	222.07	228.73	236.00	243.00	150.00	150.00	175.00	175.00	
Pipe Fitter Foreman ST (\$/hr)	131.31	135.25	140.00	144.00	135.00	135.00	150.00	150.00	
Pipe Fitter Foreman OT (\$/hr)	170.61	175.73	182.00	187.00	165.00	165.00	185.00	185.00	
Pipe Fitter Foreman Holiday (\$/hr)	209.90	216.20	223.00	230.00	165.00	165.00	185.00	185.00	
Pipe Fitter Journeyman ST (\$/hr)	118.44	121.99	126.00	130.00	120.00	120.00	135.00	135.00	
Pipe Fitter Journeyman OT (\$/hr)	151.99	156.55	162.00	167.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	
Pipe Fitter Journeyman Holiday (\$/hr)	185.54	191.11	198.00	204.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	
Truck Driver ST (\$/hr)	134.98	139.03	144.00	148.00	120.00	120.00	135.00	135.00	
Truck Driver OT (\$/hr)	168.73	173.79	180.00	185.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	
Truck Driver Holiday (\$/hr)	168.73	173.79	180.00	185.00	150.00	150.00	165.00	165.00	

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award RFP 22-02 to both O'Connor Corporation and Thielsch Engineering an annual contract for welding services for no specific dollar with optional annual extensions for up to three years of service. Unanimous. 22-115

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated June 29, 2022:**

**Subject: 2022 Bonding Request**

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

TMLP Commission authorization is requested to submit a petition to the City Treasurer for bonding of the following major projects:

- Project 1138 – New 115KV Switching Station at Cleary \$10,000,000
- Project 1177 – ERP Implementation \$ 7,000,000
- Project 1198 – Substation #18 Upgrade \$ 1,600,000

All of the above-referenced projects have been approved by the TMLP Commission. The total cost for these projects is estimated at \$18,620,000. We will work with the City Treasurer to determine the most favorable terms for repayment in the pursuit for options with durations of ten or twenty years.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the request for 2022 Bonding for Project 1138, Project 1177 and Project 1198 for an estimated total of \$18,620,000 and to petition the City Treasurer for the funds. Unanimous. 22-116

**Major Project Request – Cooling Tower Repair (Rev 1)**

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request Form into the record:

Project Title: Cooling Tower Repair (Rev 1)

Project Description: (Reference original Major Project Request Form, #1205) Rev 1: Request approval to increase the Major Project authorized amount to support repairing the Unit #9 Cooling Tower.

*This project revision has been vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee.*

Project Justification: Rev 1: During the process of CM Towers performing the current repair effort on Cooling Tower Cell 2, additional damage was discovered throughout the Cooling Tower that requires much of the same repairs due to the ice accumulation damage that occurred on February 5, 2022.

TMLP has been working closely with PURMA and Global Risks Solutions and an insurance policy claim has been submitted regarding this incident. In accordance with our insurance policy, a majority of the costs associated with this repair effort is expected to be covered.

Alternates Considered: Rev 1: None identified. TMLP needs to proceed with the project on an emergency repair effort basis for safety and operational concerns.

Project Start Year: 2022

**Amount of this Request: \$8,550 (\$x1000) (Rev 1)**

Total Approved to Date: \$1,450 (\$x1000) (Original)

Amount Spent to Date: \$945 (\$x1000)

**Total Amount Requested: \$10,000 (\$x1000) (Rev 1)**

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request #1205 (Rev 1) for the Cooling Tower Repair in the amount of \$8,550,000 and a new total amount of \$10,000,000. Unanimous. 22-117

**Letter from the Taunton Retirement Board to Kimberly Holmes and the Commission dated June 27, 2022: Subject: Retirement of Gregory Santos effective August 22, 2022**

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

*Please be advised of the retirement for Superannuation of Gregory Santos an employee of the Taunton Municipal Light Plant on August 22, 2022 under the provisions set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.*

*Please pay regular compensation and accumulated benefits up to the day before retirement.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.*

*Respectfully yours,*

MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2022

Karen Medeiros, Assistant Executive Director

Manager Holmes stated that Greg is a 26 year employee of the TMLP.

The Commission wished Mr. Santos a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to receive the letter of retirement for Gregory Santos and place it on file. Unanimous.

22-118

**ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Blackwell announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Blackwell stated that the next order of business is Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations.

Manager Holmes stated that we will not be returning to Public Session and will be adjourning in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to go into Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations. (4:12 PM)

22-119

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows:

In Favor

Absent

Commissioner Hebert  
Commissioner Corr  
Chairman Blackwell

*Executive Session discussion.*

SECRETARY

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*Peter J. Corr*

APPROVED: BY VOTE OF  
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL  
LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION  
*Kimberly Holmes 7/27/22*  
GENERAL MANAGER

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Competitive Advantage**

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

**Contract Negotiations**

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. Unanimous. (4:40 PM)

*22-120*