

03/25/2021 Water Board Meeting Digest

Highland Water Board – Recently Approved Board Actions or Information Regarding Water Board
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PRESS RELEASE for Town’s Web Site:

Target Date of Press Release: March 31, 2021

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Water Works Board of Directors:

- President : George Smith
- Secretary : Rick Volbrecht
- VP : Curt Schroeder
- Members : Jason Tharp, Ed Dabrowski

- Waterworks Supt: Mark Knesek
- Attorney: Robert Tweedle
- Engineer: Derek Snyder, NIES Engineering

- Water Works: Kim Webb
- Water Works Acting Operations Director: Tim Gembala

Summary of 03/25/2021 for Study Session and Regular Meeting:

03/25/2021 Study Session:

The Water Board discussed our contract with and our selection of SUEZ as our long term maintenance firm of our two water tanks.

The Water Board discussed the nearly completed contract on our water rates with Hammond.

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03/25/2021 Regular Meeting

No member of the public requested to speak at the start of the Meeting during Public Comments that begin each Water Works Regular Meeting

03/25/2021 Regular Meeting: Actions Approved:

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

1. Resolution # 2021 – 06:

The Board approved this resolution 4 – 0 an addendum to the agreement between NIES Engineering, Inc, and the Water Works District of Highland for professional design engineering service on Martha Street Water Main Replacement and Extension Project for \$4,500.

This water main extension will go under the Norfolk-Southern tracks.

2. Joint Resolution #2021 – 07

The Board approved this resolution 4 – 0, involving the Water Works Board, Board of Works, and the Sanitary Board. It approves a proposal from NIES Engineering, Inc, for professional design engineering services for the 3500 block of Jewett Avenue Water Main Replacement and Street Improvement Project

The Water Works portion of the agreement is \$17,000.

New Business:

The Water Board Voted 4 – 0 to select Curt Schroeder as its VP

The Water Board voted 4 – 0 to select SUEZ as the firm for its Long Term Maintenance and Asset Management Program Firm for the Highland Water Works.

The Board discussed options to finance the US 41 tank and options to finance the Ridge Road tank.

Discussion included informing Sprint of the need to work out the details of Sprint temporarily removing their antenna from the US 41 tank while SUEZ performs maintenance work on the US 41 tank this spring, 2021.

The Board voted 4 – 0 to use a Lump Sum Option to finance the US 41 tank and a spread out payment option for the Ridge Road tank.

The Board discussed the nearly completed water contract with Hammond.

The Board discussed the Reserve Fund for the Water Works.

Reports:

1. Waterworks Superintendent Mr Mark Knesek informed the Board of work Waterworks employees engaged in since the last Water Board Meeting. He also offered comments on Resolution # 2021 – 06 and Joint Resolution #2021 – 07

2. Waterworks Attorney Mr Robert Tweedle informed the Board on legal matters and costs associated with the new contract with SUEZ to provide long term maintenance services on our two water tanks on US 41 and Ridge Road.

Mr Tweedle informed the Board on the nearly completed contract for water from Hammond.

He also offered comments on Resolution # 2021 – 06 and Joint Resolution #2021 – 07.

3. Waterworks Engineer Mr Derek Snider of NIES Engineering informed the Board on the engineering details of the contract with SUEZ.

He also offered comments on Resolution # 2021 – 06 and Joint Resolution #2021 – 07.

4. Fire Department Chief Mr Bill Timmer was not present.

Claims: The Water Board approved these Claims:

Acct 061	\$0.00	Water Works District
Acct 062	\$66.79	Consumer Deposits
Acct 064	\$206,007.54	Waterworks Operating
Acct 066	\$191.08	Water Improvements
Acct 068	\$0.00	Water Capital
Total	\$206,265.41	

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021. Meeting in Town Hall

This Meeting will also be held via ZOOM

There is normally a Study Session that begins at 6:30 PM

The Plenary Meeting will begin immediately after the Study Session ends

Study Sessions can last anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes

The Public is invited to speak at the start of the Plenary Meeting during Public Comments on any Agenda Item which requires an Action by the Board (a formal vote)