

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTRAL BROWN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Pursuant to §19.84 Wis. Stats, a special meeting of the Central Brown County Water Authority **Board of Directors** was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Town of Ledgeview Community Center, 3700 Dickenson Road, De Pere, WI, and via video conference.

Present: Allouez – Chris Sampson
Bellevue – Shawn Geiger
De Pere – Larry Delo (video)
Howard – Geoff Farr
Ledgeview – Sarah Burdette

Excused: Lawrence

Also Present: Nic Sparacio, CBCWA General Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Sarah Burdette of Ledgeview.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken as recorded above. (Attendees present via video conference are noted with “video.”)

Approval of the Agenda:

1. Approve agenda
Motion made by De Pere, seconded by Allouez to approve the agenda.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Approval of Minutes:

2. July 28, 2021 regular meeting
There were no revisions to the draft minutes.
Motion made by Allouez, seconded by Bellevue to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 28, 2021.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Administrative Actions & Reports:

5. Potential revisions to joint local water authority statute
Burdette explained that this special meeting was set to spend some additional time dedicated to the topic of potential retail water sales to large industries as discussed in the Water Authority’s strategic plan. The Board Members discussed the characteristics of desirable retail customers, potential risks and concerns related to pursuing statutory revisions, and the potential benefits of additional water sales. The Members then considered alternative approaches and possible strategies that could be used to address the risks and concerns.

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Upon discussion, the Members agreed that the Water Authority would be willing to sell water retail if this was required to support the attraction or expansion of an employer or industry of regional or statewide significance and priority. This would be a special situation and somewhat outside the bounds of the Water Authority's primary purpose of serving municipalities and public utilities. Attempting to change the statute in a speculative manner leaves the Members with the following concerns:

- The potential to contribute to leapfrog development or otherwise encourage misplacement of industries that should be located within urban service areas
- The potential to create or contribute to conflict between communities seeking to attract development and employment
- The very narrow subset of target industries that might be willing to pay a sustainable water purchase rate to receive high quality water
- The potential for default situations when using private financing to construct or operate public infrastructure
- The potential to undermine the Water Authority's greater goal of adding new member communities

There was a consensus that there be no further steps taken to seek revisions to the joint local water authority statute at this time. Should a need arise for this in the future, the Water Authority would respond at that time. No action was taken.

Adjourn:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Nicolas Sparacio