

Board of Commissioners  
Central Arkansas Water

AGENDA

2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 12, 2015  
James T. Harvey Administration Building  
221 East Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**October 8, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Maumelle Water Management (MWM)**

Staff will update the Board on consolidation of MWM's water system, and requests Board approval of a Wastewater Consolidation Agreement between CAW, MWM, and NLR Wastewater Treatment Committee.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. CAW Plaintiff in Class Action Lawsuit**

Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution affirming the filing of an anti-trust, class action lawsuit against Frank A. Reichl and General Chemical Corporation, as well as other commercial defendants, for price-fixing, bid-rigging, and customer allocation relating to the sale and purchase of liquid aluminum sulfate (ALUM) from 1997 to date, and the hiring of the Roberts Law Firm, P.A. to represent CAW in this matter.

**4. CONTRACTS/PURCHASES**

**a. Professional Services Contracts for 2016 Bond Issues**

Staff requests Board approval of a professional services contract with Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP as Bond Counsel for the Special Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. CAW is planning to issue one or more series of Special Revenue Bonds as part of CAW's plan to retire the existing debt of MWM; acquire the water related assets of MWM; and finance the design, construction, and equipping of the capital improvements necessary to connect MWM's water system to CAW's water system.

Staff also requests Board approval of a professional services contract with Regions Bank as Trustee for the Special Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, and Successor Trustee for all current outstanding bonds.

**b. Annual Purchase of Chemicals**

Staff requests Board approval to renew annual chemical contracts with the following companies per staff recommendation:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Ecotech Enterprises, Inc.	15% Hydrochloric Acid	\$ 68,000.00
Vertex	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$ 300,000.00
Shupe & Associates	Calcium Hypochlorite Briquettes	\$ 9,950.00
Key Chemical, Inc.	Hydrofluorosilicic Acid	\$ 110,925.00

Staff requests Board approval to award annual chemical contracts to the following companies based on competitive bids and staff recommendation:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Arkansas Lime Co.	Quicklime	\$ 134,587.50
Harcros Chemical	Powdered Activated Carbon	\$ 21,600.00
Arkansas Lime Co.	Hydrated Lime	\$ 25,361.88
International Dioxide	25% Liquid Sodium Chlorite	\$ 251,350.00
Harcros Chemical	Sodium Silicofluoride	\$ 35,792.00
Brenntag Mid-South	Potassium Permanganate	\$ 13,920.00
Chemtrade Chemicals	Liquid Aluminum Sulfate	\$ 336,600.00
CARUS Corp.	Bimetallic Glassy Phosphate	\$ 299,250.00

**c. Annual Contract for Utility Location Services**

Staff requests Board approval of a supplement to our current agreement with Arkansas Utility Protection Services, Inc., (ArkUps) in the amount \$421,012. ArkUps locates and marks various utilities in preparation for pavement cuts and excavations required to repair utility services and mains. This year’s supplement amount includes a 5% increase over the previous year. ArkUps has not requested an increase since 2009.

**d. Lake Maumelle Pump Station Cone Valve Retro Fit**

Staff requests Board approval of a contract with Rodney Hunt-Fontaine, Inc. in the amount of \$110,928 to replace the hydraulic actuators on 4 of the 7 cone valves at the Lake Maumelle pump station with electric actuators. By replacing the cone valve actuators with electric units we will be eliminating a potential source of contamination that could come from the hydraulic fluid used on the existing actuators.

**e. Engineering Design Services Contract for MWM Transmission Main**

Staff requests Board approval of the first phase of a multi-phase engineering services contract with Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. to perform work related to the MWM 30-inch transmission main; the preliminary estimated construction cost of the main is \$7,400,000. The phase 1 work will consist of a \$78,000 Route Study. The cost of subsequent engineering phases, which include Design, Bidding, and Construction Services, cannot be determined until the Route Study is complete. Approval to proceed with the additional phases will be requested from the Board once firm costs have been established. CAW reviewed the qualifications of several consulting engineering firms and selected Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. to provide the engineering services required for this project. Hawkins-Weir has been MWM's engineer for several years. All engineering costs will be funded by the MWM merger bond issue.

**5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- a. Customer Relations and Public Affairs**
- b. Water Quality and Operations**
- c. Regionalism**
- d. Finance**

**6. BOARD BRIEFING**