



**KAREGNONDI WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Public Board Meeting**  
**Genesee County Water & Waste Services**  
**(810) 732-7870**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 17, 2013**

Meeting Convened 2:03 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Invocation was given by Greg Alexander.

**Roll Call –**

**Members Present:**

Greg Alexander, Dale Kerbyson, Joseph Suma

**Members Absent:**

Dayne Walling (Excused), Jamie Curtis

**Also Present:**

Jeff Wright, CEO

Kevin K. Kilby, Corporation Counsel

**Minutes:**

- ❖ Motion for Approval of August 21, 2013 Minutes by *Dale Kerbyson*; Supported by *Joseph Suma*; Minutes Approved with Correction to Typographical Error; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Reports:** None.

**Communication:** None

**Consent Agenda:** None.

**Public comment – Agenda Items Only:** None

**Open Public Hearing:** 2:05 p.m.

- ❖ Motion to Open Public Hearing by *Dale Kerbyson*; Supported by *Joseph Suma*; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously

**Close Public Hearing:** 2:23 p.m.

- ❖ Motion to Close Public Hearing by *Joseph Suma*; Supported by *Dale Kerbyson*; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting resumed 2:24 p.m.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Motion for Approval of Resolution 2013-05 with amendments by *Dale Kerbyson*; Supported by *Joseph Suma*; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously
  
- ❖ Motion for Approval of Resolution 2013-06 by *Joseph Suma*; Supported by *Dale Kerbyson*; Discussion occurred regarding location of future meetings; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously

**Second Public Comment:**

Resident inquired as to whether the pipeline was going to go down the middle of the road. Jeff Wright indicated that is why the surveying was being done, however, the goal was to try to keep the construction in the road right-of-way. The 30% design phase would give much more detail. CEO Wright indicated, "We will try to make as many improvements as we can, and we will also disturb as little as possible". An offer has been made to communities that if any upgrades were requested, we would be glad to work them into the design phase of the project, with their cost participation being for the extra material. To date no one said they would like this done. Jeff Wright further invited citizens to drive the 30 plus miles of construction completed in the last few years, indicating he is proud of what was left to be seen at the end of the project. Trustee Kerbyson indicated he does not understand why Townships have not come forward taking us up on this offer because of the huge cost savings.

Eric Mays wanted to know if there is a regular monthly meeting schedule and if the KWA is still on track with progress.

**Board Comment:**

- Jeff Wright indicated that the Karegnondi Water Authority tries to meet once a month, and at some point will meet quarterly. D'Agostini, the Contractor, is starting the tunnel shaft, which goes into the ground approximately 58 feet where a tunnel machine will be set. This machine is being shipped to the United States and is due to arrive on October 6, and is unique in that it is 100% operated from the surface and not underground.
- The first 35 million dollars was borrowed at a interest rate of 5.04%, which rate CEO Wright was very pleased with.
- Within the next few weeks, the 30% design will be forwarded to the EPA and MDEQ for their comments. Construction bids should be issued in March or April next year.
- Ten Board members will be added to this body, at which time they will be sworn in and become official Board members.
- Jeff Wright indicated one reason the project is being moved forward is because Genesee County has only one other option for water supply, and that is to enter into a 30-year contract with a bankrupt city. Detroit is considering the setting up a utility authority. The City of Detroit is in the hands of the Bankruptcy Court. The judge could set whatever water rate they need to in order to balance the budget, and the water fund could be used to bring Detroit out of bankruptcy.
- Dale Kerbyson indicated he did receive a letter from the DEQ in which the water pipeline was referenced a few times. He believes the MDEQ considers this a viable project that is moving forward, even though 30% design is not yet complete.

- Greg Alexander stated that at the last meeting the Board vowed to keep communication as up-to-date as possible on the website, [www.karegnondi.com](http://www.karegnondi.com), to continue to try to get our point across and keep the public informed as much as possible.

**Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion for Adjournment of Meeting by *Dale Kerbyson*; Supported by *Joseph Suma*; Voice Vote – Motion Passed Unanimously

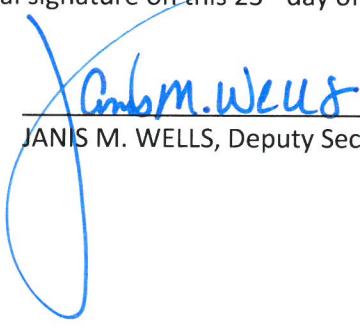
**Meeting Adjourned at 2:38 p.m.**

**MEETING MINTUES DECLARED ADOPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF GENESEE    )

I, Janis M. Wells, Deputy Secretary of the Karegnondi Water Authority Board, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of Meetings of September 17, 2013, adopted by the Karegnondi Water Authority Board, acting in Genesee County, at a meeting held on September 23, 2013, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

  
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JANIS M. WELLS, Deputy Secretary