MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY LAKE TAHOE SEWER AUTHORITY
February 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority (DCLTSA) was duly convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Stateline, Douglas County, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Trustees Jodie Nelson, Wes Rice and Keith Fertala. Trustee Andy Huckbody was in attendance via audio internet connection by which he could hear everyone at the meeting, and everyone could hear him.

RECOGNITION OF OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Also present were Authority Manager Rob Hopkins, Authority Controller Paula East-Janicki, Authority Accountant Ying Johnson, Authority Engineer, Rob Anderson, and the Authority's legal counsel, Jim Cavilia. Representatives of the Elk Point Sanitation District (EPSD), Bradley Oneto and Anne Harry were present. In attendance were representatives of the Unites States Forest Service (USFS), Eric Walker and Randy Striplin. Also in attendance were Meghan Kelly of the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTDC) and Andrew Strain of the Tahoe Beach Club (TBC).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Huckbody that, with Item 6 be revised to refer to the minutes of January 17, 2024 rather than November 18, 2023 the meeting agenda as presented be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

It was moved by Trustee Huckbody, seconded by Trustee Nelson and carried unanimously that the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of DCLTSA, dated January 17, 2024, be approved as presented.

Update from representatives of the United States Forest Service (USFS) regarding Burke Creek Rabe Meadow Riparian Restoration Project and proposed relocation of Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority's (DCLTSA) access to the DCLTSA Beach Pump Station – for discussion and possible action.

Authority Manager, Rob Hopkins, introduced Eric Walker of the USFS and Meghan Kelly of the NTCD to provide the Board with an update on the Burke Creek Rabe Meadow Riparian Restoration Project. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Hopkins and the Board and emphasized that the USFS is aware of the Authority's concerns. Mr. Walker provided the Board with a summary of the improvements to Burke Creek being planned by the USFS and stated that those planned improvements have been under consideration by the USFS for many years. Mr. Walker explained that improvements are part of the overall Environmental Improvement Program at Lake Tahoe and are also part of the Kahle Drive Complete Street Project.

Mr. Walker stated the restoration work being proposed would reduce flooding risks to future development and should provide relief from weather events going forward. Mr. Walker added that the improvements would protect the Authority's infrastructure in the area and result in a more naturally functioning system. In acknowledging that the USFS was not in complete agreement with the Authority or the TBC, Mr. Walkers stated the existing access to the Authority Beach Pump Station would not be removed until alternate access is completed and that he was confident that the planned improvements would reduce potential flooding impacts in the area.

Meghan Kelly of the NTCD explained some of the history of Burke Creek and how it has been rerouted and diverted over the years as development took place in the area. Ms. Kelly stressed that the plan is designed to increase the overall health of Rabe Meadow and protect Kahle Drive.

Mr. Walker stated that in meeting with representatives of the Authority, he understood the Authority's desire for better access around the Beach Pump Station, and Mr. Walker indicated his interest in pursuing this idea as part of the overall plan. Mr. Walker also expressed his understanding of the Authority's priority of retaining the most convenient access possible and that he was willing to consider access improvements with the financial participation of the Authority.

In responding to an inquiry by Trustee Fertala, Mr. Walker stated that the most recent plan provides for the relocation of the access road, but does not, at this point, provide for complete access around the Beach Pump Station.

Based on a comment from Authority Controller, Paula East-Janicki, Mr. Walker acknowledged that the roadway alignment currently being considered would require the USFS to obtain an easement across property of the TBC. In response to a question from Trustee Nelson about the Authority's financial participation, Mr. Walker acknowledged that no financial commitment had yet been made by the Authority, but that the idea of the Authority contributing approximately $160,000 to the project has been discussed with staff.

Mr. Walker once again indicated that the USFS was willing to consider additional circulation around the Beach Pump Station and that if an agreement cannot be reached, it is likely that no changes to the existing access will be made. In response to a question from Trustee Fertala, the

Authority Engineer, Rob Anderson stressed that the Authority would prefer to have complete vehicular access around the Beach Pump Station.

In response to an inquiry from Trustee Huckbody about maintenance of the existing access road, Mr. Walker indicated that that Authority was currently responsible for the maintenance because the road is exclusively used by the Authority.

In response to a question from Trustee Nelson, Mr. Walker stated that USFS and NTCD representatives have met with representatives of the TBC and that despite disagreements about how the project will impact the TBC, he would continue his efforts to find common ground.

Mr. Walker stated his opinion that the Burke Creek improvements combined with the planned work on Kahle Drive will reduce flooding and drainage problems at the TBC.

In response to an inquiry from Trustee Fertala, Mr. Hopkins indicated that the Authority does have some concerns about limitations related to maintenance of the new access road, but that he was hopeful that reasonable accommodations could be negotiated with the USFS. Mr. Anderson stated that maintenance responsibilities and/or requirements had not yet been finalized or agreed to.

After a brief discussion regarding beaver dams in the area and how they impact drainage and flooding, Andrew Strain of the TBC addressed the Board about the concerns of the TBC. Mr. Strain indicated that he and the TBC support the goals and objectives of the USFS plan as well as the Authority's need for easy access to the Beach Pump Station. Mr. Strain emphasized the TBC's ongoing and cooperative relationship with the Authority.

Mr. Strain stated that based upon the analysis of the TBC's engineers, the TBC is very concerned about the impact of the Burke Creek project and how it will have certain unintended consequences as it relates to groundwater impacting buildings at the TBC. Because of this groundwater concern, the TBC supports leaving the access road in its current location and that the TBC would support the addition of culverts under the existing road.

Mr. Strain reported that the TBC has 25 residential units, with each having a value of more than $2.5 million. Damage to the residential units as the result of increased groundwater from this project, Mr. Strain indicated, could result in significant liability for all involved.

In order to grant the easement necessary for the new location of the access road, as proposed by the USFS, Mr. Strain explained that it would be necessary to obtain approval from the TBC homeowners association, which owns the property adjacent to Building 1 at the TBC.

Ms. Kelly stated that the USFS and NTCD are focused on finding access that reduces flooding risks, but that based on the TBC being located in a floodplain it may not be possible to solve all of the issues at the TBC.

With regard to funding for the project, Mr. Walker indicated that the USFS is seeking an extension of time to utilize the available funding because it is set to expire soon.

Mr. Hopkins informed the Board that no action was being proposed at this time, but that he believed it was helpful for everyone to express their opinions before the Board. Mr. Anderson concurred with Mr. Hopkins that no action was necessary at this time. Mr. Anderson stated his greatest concern with the position being taken by the USFS is that the position assumes a worst-case scenario in which all culverts are blocked and a 100-year flood event occurs. Mr. Anderson stated that the USFS could do some of its work upstream without the approval of the TBC or the relocation of the road.

Mr. Walker agreed with Messrs. Hopkins and Anderson that no resolution could be reached today, but that he did appreciate the opportunity to address the Board. A brief discussion ensued among Messrs. Walker, Hopkins and Anderson about the pros and cons of access to the Beach Pump Station through the Nevada Beach Campground as well as other possible access points from the north.

In summarizing the conversation as a positive process for the Board, Trustee Nelson expressed her appreciation for everyone's candid participation.

Brad Oneto of EPSD, in addressing the issue of access through the Nevada Beach Campground, stated that during the summer months it is very difficult to get down Elks Point Road itself because of the parking along the street and that the Sheriff's office has a very difficult time keeping up with the improperly parked vehicles. Anne Harry of EPSD added that the parking and traffic problems on Elks Point Road have had a very negative effect on emergency access to the Elks Point community.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no further public comment.

Discussion and appointment of Board Officers for calendar year 2024

The Authority's legal counsel, Jim Cavilia, indicated that the Board Officers are normally appointed at the January board meeting and the officers serve for the calendar year. Having failed to place this matter on the January agenda, the matter was to be considered now. Mr. Cavilia indicated that he had spoken with Chairman McLaughlin and that although he was unable to attend the February meeting, he was willing to continue in the position of Chairman. Mr. Cavilia pointed out that the Board was free to select whomever they wished for the officer positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following a brief discussion among the Trustees i**t was moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Fertala and carried unanimously (4-0) that the Board officers remain in their current positions (Trustee McLaughlin, Chairman; Trustee Nelson, Secretary; and Trustee Rice, Treasurer).**

MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. General Status Report

Mr. Hopkins presented the Board with a written summary of various general matters related to the Authority and briefly summarized some items in the written report. The written report is incorporated in these minutes by this reference.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the Fourth Quarter 2023 Discharge Monitoring Report, Annual Park Cattle Nitrogen Loading Report and Annual Biosolids Report have been completed and submitted to the appropriate agencies. Mr. Hopkins thanked the staff of R.O. Anderson Engineering for assisting with these reports.

With regard to the possibility of locating a decant and drying bed facility at the plant site, Mr. Hopkins indicated that Authority staff has been working with representatives of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the NTCD. Mr. Hopkins stated that, as planned, the facility will be designed and constructed by NDOT, but that the Authority would be able to charge third-party contractors and agencies for its use.

Mr. Hopkins stated that a meeting recently took place with representatives from South Tahoe Public Utilities District (STPUD) and R.O. Anderson Engineering to discuss STPUD's long-term recycled water plan and specifically the possibility of using the gravity portion of the Authority's export force main to deliver water to the Carson Valley at some point in the future. In addressing this subject the Trustees stressed the importance of protecting the Authority's infrastructure to be certain it was always available for the Authority's needs.

In discussing progress on planning for the export force main replacement project, Mr. Hopkins indicated that when undertaken the project may be split over two construction seasons.

Mr. Hopkins reported that Authority staff has begun preliminary work on installation of a channel grinder at the Beach Pump Station that will reduce the problem of plugging of sewer pumps and reduce the need for staff overtime.

In order to reduce the risks associated with falling ice and icy walkways, Mr. Hopkins stated that the installation of new rain gutters and heat tape was being completed on all major buildings at the plant site.

Mr. Hopkins indicated that the Return Activated Sludge control panels have been installed and that completion of the work is ongoing.

Mr. Hopkins reported that with regard to the gravity sewer main assessment, a kick-off meeting was recently held with HDR in order to begin setting priorities for the work to be completed in the future.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. General Projects Status Report

In addition to his participation in the Manager's Report, Authority Engineer, Rob Anderson, presented correspondence dated February 20, 2024, briefly summarizing various issues that R.O. Anderson Engineering has been involved with on behalf of the Authority. The February 20, 2024 correspondence is incorporated in these minutes by this reference.

Mr. Anderson explained that because of a Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) delay in renewing the Authority's discharge permit, the Authority's request of NV Energy to be charged agricultural rates for power usage has been denied. Mr. Anderson stated that his staff would continue to work with NDEP's Administrator to prepare a letter to NV Energy or DCLTSA confirming that the application of secondary effluent to lands in Carson Valley for agricultural purposes is allowed.

In response to an inquiry from Trustee Nelson regarding access to the Beach Pump Station, Mr. Anderson explained that long-term access from the campground side (north) of the pump station would always be a problem because of ongoing traffic issues on Elks Point Road. Mr. Hopkins added that the Authority currently maintains the access road from the south and that the Authority would continue to do so in order to ensure adequate access to the pump station.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

AUTHORITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

A. General Status Report

The Authority Controller, Paula East-Janicki, provided the Board with a budget to actual spreadsheet and reported that operating expenses are approximately 5.8% under budget through December. Ms. East-Janicki also stated that the Authority's electricity costs are continuing to trend downward.

Ms. East-Janicki reported that total influent flows to the plant for the first month of the year were down more than 5.7% from last January, with TDD's flows down significantly (19.6%) and KGID's flows up 12.6%.

Ms. East-Janicki stated that she had received three proposals with regard to Authority audit services for the next five years and that those proposals would be presented at next month's meeting for consideration by the Board.

Following a brief discussion among the Trustees regarding the auditing proposals and how few auditors are available, Ms. East-Janicki indicated that next month she and the Authority Accountant, Ying Johnson, would be presenting the Board with a tentative budget for 2024-2025. The final budget will be presented for approval at a Special Meeting of the Board on May 22, 2024.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

B. Investment Report

Ms. East-Janicki made a written summary of the Authority's investments available and indicated that the Authority has approximately $16.9 million currently invested in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and laddered certificates of deposit (CDs). Ms. East-Janicki reported that two recently matured CDs were replaced with eighteen-month Wells Fargo CDs at 4.65% and 4.85%.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

The claims along with the Authority's check register were provided to the Board.

The claims were signed off on by Trustee Rice.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

Reports/updates from Board of Trustees concerning the areas or districts they represent

Trustee Huckbody reported that TDD's annual audit was recently completed and that work on TDD's new lift station was continuing.

Trustee Fertala reported that the new district manager at Round Hill General Improvement District (RHGID) was on board and working on various projects, including human resource matters. As part of the inspection of all RHGID facilities, an infiltration issues was discovered at Pinewild and it was also discovered that the data from the new effluent meter was not being automatically reported to the Authority. Trustee Fertala indicated that the data/communication issue is being worked on in cooperation with Authority staff.

Trustee Nelson stated that Kingsbury General Improvement District (KGID) is seeking candidates for the position of Operations Superintendent. Trustee Nelson also reported that KGID was very close to occupying their new building. Trustee Nelson added that KGID was, in the very near future, going out to bid on a water line project estimated at $5.7 million. Finally, Trustee Nelson

indicated that KGID was having a dispute with the Tahoe Douglas Fire District about the responsibility for clearing snow around fire hydrants.

Trustee Rice had excused himself from the meeting prior to this agenda item.

Trustee Nelson opened the floor to public comment regarding the matter. There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED

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Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAKE TAHOE SEWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report

Subject / Title:

Authority Manager's Monthly Report – February 2024
A. General Status Report

Staff Recommendation:

None. This is an informational item only.

Discussion/Report:

This item serves to afford the Authority General Manager the opportunity to update the DCLTSA Board of Trustees on select activities over the previous month(s).

1. The DCLTSA Fourth Quarter 2023 Discharge Monitoring Report, Annual Park Cattle Nitrogen Loading Report, and Annual Biosolids Report have been successfully submitted to the relevant regulatory agencies. Many thanks to Matt Ofsthun at R.O. Anderson Engineering for his great work in generating the data for the Park Cattle Nitrogen report and for submitting our annual biosolids report to the EPA this year.

2. We have been working with personnel from the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District on preliminary discussions to site a decant and drying bed facility at the DCLTSA treatment plant. The facilities would be constructed and funded by NDOT, with the condition that DCLTSA could also use the facility and charge third-party contractors and agencies for using the facility.

3. A meeting was held this month between South Tahoe Public Utility District, DCLTSA, R. O. Anderson Engineering and Carollo Engineering. STPUD is working on developing a long-term Recycled Water Strategic Plan. One option under consideration by STPUD is the feasibility of STPUD utilizing the gravity portion of the DCLTSA Export Force Main system to deliver recycled water to the Carson Valley for agriculture and other uses.

4. A second round of meetings was held between DCLTSA, HDR Engineering, and Rock-Solid Solutions to discuss near-term needs related to the upcoming DCLTSA Export Force Main Replacement Project – Phase 2. Project timing, generating updated project site mapping and proposed force main re-alignment options were the primary topics discussed.

5. DCLTSA staff has begun preliminary work to install a channel grinder / mechanical mastication system in the Beach Pump Station. Installation of

this equipment will greatly reduce plugging of sewer pumps with rags and other large debris. This will reduce overtime costs due to callouts and minimize the risks of generating a sewer spill due to clogged sewer pumps.

6. We are in the process of installing new rain gutters and heat tape on all major buildings at the Treatment Plant. Last year's severe winter highlighted the need to reduce risk from falling ice and minimize ice covered sidewalk areas around the plant. This project will go a long way to reducing the risk of slips and falls around the plant.

7. The new Return Activated Sludge / Waste Activated Sludge (RAS/WAS) panels have been mounted and wiring has been pulled to power the controls. Installation of the Programmable Logic Controllers, Variable Frequency Drives, and Human-Machine Interface panels will begin in the next few weeks.

8. DCLTSA and HDR Engineering held a kickoff meeting for the DCLTSA Gravity Main Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan Project was held last week. We will provide the Board with updates as development on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan progresses.

R O Anderson

February 20, 2024

Via Email

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Authority Engineer's Monthly Report – February 2024

Dear Members of the Board:

The following report presents a summary of activities undertaken on behalf of the Sewer Authority since our last meeting together on January 17, 2024. During this period, we provided general engineering support as requested. The following paragraphs provide a brief description of these efforts and progress related to each specific task.

General Engineering Services
In addition to general consulting services and attendance at the Board meeting, R.O. Anderson Engineering, Inc. (ROA) assisted and participated with Authority personnel on engineering-related assignments on an as-requested basis. During this period our efforts included reaching out to the Director of the state's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to discuss the status of the Authority's formal permit that allows the discharge of secondary effluent on agricultural lands within Carson Valley. Based on that communication, I am told the Bureau of Water Pollution Control will issue a separate letter confirming the Authority's authorization to discharge while the Bureau's staff works to finalize the new permit. The letter (or the formal permit) is needed by NV Energy to allow the Authority to obtain an agricultural power rate for the pumps used to export effluent to the valley.

Annual DMR's and Biosolids Reports
During the period we have reviewed and summarized the discharge monitoring reports maintained by Authority personnel. The Authority's Annual Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) were finalized and timely submitted on January 31, 2024, to NDEP-Bureau of Water Pollution Control for both Park Cattle Company and DCLTSA.

Similarly, during the period, we reviewed and analyzed the biosolids testing data provided by the Authority's environmental testing lab. Using that data, we prepared and filed the Annual Biosolids Report EPA, Region IX on February 12, 2024.

Beach Pump Station: Alternate Access and Site Circulation Improvements - Update:
Over the past 30 days or so, we have participated in several meetings regarding the USFS' request to relocate the current access road upstream to a location that their representatives perceive to be consistent with the agency's environmental objectives for

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the Burke Creek Rabe Meadows Restoration Project. Most recently, Mr. Hopkins and I participated in a meeting on February 16, 2024, with representatives from USFS – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, Douglas County, and The Beach Club. The expressed purpose of this meeting was for all parties to share their respective interests and objectives for the project with the hope that by doing so a mutually agreeable approach to relocating the access road could be obtained.

During the discussion about the respective interests of the parties, it became clear that there are competing interests and concerns about the proposed alternative location that are not readily resolved. Some of the specific comments from the parties included:

- From the remarks made during the meeting by representatives of the USFS, we learned that the project currently has a shortfall in the construction budget, but they have made requests for supplemental funding from a couple of different sources.
- We learned that the project's National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) is now being finalized by USFS. The comment period on the draft NEPA document ended last fall.
- On behalf of the Sewer Authority, Mr. Hopkins confirmed that access to the Beach Pump Station must come from Kahle/Beach Club Drive. That is, accessing the pump station site through Nevada Beach Campground is not acceptable due to physical and administrative constraints that affect that route.
- Representatives of the USFS stated that "...*the status quo* [leaving the access road in its current location] *is not acceptable*."
- Representatives of The Beach Club expressed their concern that relocation of the access road as designed [with box culverts] will adversely impact their Building No. 1 and potentially some of their on-site storm water mitigation measures. Their expressed concern is the potential that the lack of sufficient hydraulic capacity beneath the alternate road will result in increased hydraulic head on sub-surface water impacting those facilities. This potential condition and the associated risk are unacceptable to The Beach Club.
- Andrew Strain, as one of the representatives of The Beach Club that were present, observed that in his time with their project the lack of meaningful vegetative and wildlife (beaver) management has plagued and contributed to the conditions of the Burke Creek watershed including flooding of the existing access road last spring. In response, Mr. Walker, District Ranger, indicated that USFS only has responsibility and authority over the vegetation; Nevada Department of Wildlife has authority over the wildlife (beavers).
- The representatives of The Beach Club suggested two alternative solutions that would satisfy their concerns: a) add additional culverts under the existing road providing increased conveyance capacity, or b) construct a bridge over Burke Creek at the upper driveway location. In response, representatives from USFS indicated that a bridge was not an option due to funding limitations and the fact that the road serves a single user – namely DCLTSA. Providing additional culverts on the existing access road is not consistent with some of USFS's and NTCD's environmental objectives of the project.

- USFS's selection of the design criteria was discussed at some length. The culverts were sized to pass the 100-year flood event, but the hydraulic modelling was completed based on the "worst case" scenario - that the proposed culverts would be blocked by either unmaintained vegetation or obstructions by beaver activities. From the reaction of those present from USFS, there seemed to be no interest in modifying the design criteria used to complete the hydraulic analysis.
- We also were told that the maintenance requirements that were provided to the Authority were developed based on initial input from personnel in the Lands Division, and subject to change or further refinement.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the parties were unable to reach a consensus on a mutually acceptable alternative so the project could move forward.

As you are aware, Mr. Walker and others from USFS will be present at the Board meeting to present their project to the Board for further consideration.

I will be present at the Board meeting and available then to review this information in greater detail, as well as address any specific questions or concerns Board members might have relative to these subjects. Thank you for your continued confidence and the opportunity to provide these services.

Yours faithfully,

R.O. ANDERSON ENGINEERING, INC.

Robert O Anderson | 05

Robert O. Anderson, PE, WRS, CFM
Principal Engineer

Attachments

cc: Jim Cavilia, Esq.
Paula East-Janicki
Rob Hopkins

CONTROLLER'S GENERAL STATUS REPORT

February 21, 2024

- The Budget to Actual spreadsheet in the Board packet shows operating expenses through December were 5.84% under budget. Electricity here at the plant is now 6.5% over budget but down from 10.5% through November, so it's trending in the right direction.

- Influent flows for the first month of 2024 were down 5.7% over January of last year, with a dramatic decrease for TDD's flow (19.6%) and a 12.6% increase for KGID's flow.

- We made a debt service payment on January 2nd toward the State Revolving Fund Loans in the amount of $385,867. Of that, $290,724 went toward the principal of the loans, leaving a balance of $8,665,852.

- Regarding the Request for Proposals for audit services for the next 5-year period that we issued last month, we received 3 responses.

    - Eide Bailly, who has done our audit since taking over from Grant Thornton, proposed fees of $67,988 for the coming year with increases of 7.5% each year thereafter, ending with $104,921 in 7 years.

    - Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) proposed fees of $43,470 for the coming year with increases of 5% each for 2 additional years. CLA also proposed using a team out of Irvine, CA and cited only references from California governmental entities.

    - Casey Neilon proposed $40,000 for the upcoming year if we sign a 2-year contract, with the next year at $42,000. If we only want an initial trial year, the cost will be $45,000. A 2-

year contract would include an option to extend for an additional 3 years at an increase equal to the CPI or 5%, limited to 5% per year.

Next month's Agenda will include an item for the Board to confirm one of these proposals for the coming year. If Board members want to review the proposals ahead of time, let me know and I will email them to you.

- Ying and I will be presenting the tentative budget for 2024-2025 at the next Board meeting. As an aside, the State requires the final budget hearing be held this year no sooner than May 20. That will require us to reschedule the May meeting until May 22, the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Investment Report

The Authority's investments total more than $16.9 million, with $12.6 million of that being held in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). LGIP paid more than 5.25% interest last month, which is higher than any CD's now available.

In the past month, two CDs matured, one at 4.45% and one at 4.75%. I was able to reinvest those with Wells Fargo for 18 months each at 4.65% and 4.85%. There is a list of current CDs in the Board packet. The Authority's holdings in CDs total $3,920,000 with an average interest rate slightly more than 5%.

Claims and Check Register

The check register and wires since the last meeting are in the Board packet. If there are no questions, I will ask the Board Treasurer to sign them and return them to me for our records.