

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF WATER WORKS TRUSTEES
PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

September 8, 2020

3:30 p.m.

The Meeting was conducted by video conference.

Present (by Video or Audio Conference Link):

Board Members: Mr. Joel Aschbrenner, Ms. Andrea Boulton, Mr. Graham Gillette, Ms. Susan Huppert, and Ms. Diane Munns

Staff Members: Pat Bruner, Ted Corrigan, Peggy Freese, Doug Garnett, Amy Kahler, Mike McCurnin, Jennifer Puffer, and Michelle Watson

Also in attendance: Jeff Clayton (Holmes Murphy & Associates), John Lande (legal counsel), Joe Langel (Homes Murphy & Associates), Rick Malm (legal counsel)

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Employee Health Insurance

DMWW requested our benefits broker, Holmes Murphy & Associates, to seek proposals for health insurance options for 2021 after DMWW had a 22% premium increase under its existing plan sponsored by the City of Des Moines for calendar year 2020. The increase was due to unfavorable health claims experience. Based on the proposals received, the Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) appears to be the most viable option to consider as an alternative to the City's plan effective January 1, 2021. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Langel, of Holmes Murphy, gave a presentation providing detail about the quote received from IGHCP.

2. Wholesale Rate Design

A motion was made by Ms. Munns, seconded by Ms. Huppert, to go into closed session under Section 21.5(1)(a) and Section 622.10(1), to discuss records authorized by law to be kept confidential, in particular to review and discuss the opinion of counsel respecting wholesale rates currently under consideration.

Upon roll-call vote, the motion was adopted, with each member of the Board, who is identified above as present, voting in favor of the motion. The meeting then went into closed session.

The Board subsequently returned to open session.

There was no action taken in closed session, nor upon return to open session.

3. Legal Services Review

Mr. Gillette asked staff to prepare a Request for Proposals for legal services including language that would cause legal services to be reviewed on a regular basis. Staff will prepare an RFP.

4. CEO and General Manager's Comments

Mr. Corrigan advised that rain and cooler temperatures will ameliorate water quality and demand issues that DMWW has been experiencing. Water Utility Managers, City Managers and Public Works Directors from the metro area held a meeting last week to discuss those challenges.

5. Public Comments – No comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.