

**PAGE UTILITY ENTERPRISES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Page Utility Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Tony Ferrando. The meeting was held in the Utility Conference Room, 640 Haul Road, Page, Arizona.

ROLL CALL: Board members present: Chairman Ferrando, Jeff Jones, Alan Nelson, Tom Geiger, Chuck Straub, and Ex-Officio Board Member / Mayor Steven Kidman.

Staff present: General Manager, Bryan Hill and Executive Secretary, Donna Roberts.

Also present: City Councilors David Auge and Amanda Hammond. Bob Holmes and Ana Ma were present from Nexxus Consulting, which is part of our water funding infrastructure on the federal side of things.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Board observed a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The November 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion by Straub and second by Jones.

**HEAR FROM THE
CITIZENS:** None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Possible Action – Nexxus Consulting: Chairman Ferrando welcomed Bob Holmes, Managing Partner and Ana Ma, Partner with Nexxus Consulting. They provided their background and outlined some of the projects they have worked on that are similar in nature to the project that the Utility potentially could target to fund through federal grants, programs and congressional appropriations known as Community Project Funding or Congressionally Directed Spending. They also work with many cities and counties throughout Arizona and provided statistics for that information. There was a discussion at this time.

The Board thanked Bob and Ana for their time. They left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

After discussion, Jones made a motion, seconded by Geiger, to engage in a one-year contract with Nexxus Consulting at a fee of \$6,000 per month, plus expenses.

The motion unanimously passed.

Discussion – Water Infrastructure Funding Update: Bryan updated the Board on the water infrastructure funding. There was a discussion.

Discussion – WAPA Letter: Bryan updated the Board and brief discussion followed.

Discussion – NTUA Agreement: Information only.

Motion by Geiger, seconded by Nelson, to recess into executive session at 7:04 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously. Staff and audience were excused at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), the Board may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, resignation or dismissal of a public officer, appointee or employee of a public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that such discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with such notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether such discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting. Bryan Hill - General Manager's Review:

Reconvene:

Chairman Ferrando reconvened the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. Staff and audience returned at this time.

Discussion/Possible Action – Bryan Hill – General Manager's Review:
At this time the Board expressed their appreciation to Bryan and thanked him for his outstanding performance.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Geiger, to forward their recommendation to Council to increase Bryan's salary by 20% as well as give a \$5,000 bonus.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

General Manager's Reports – November & December 2024: Bryan briefly reviewed the General Manager's reports and answered questions.

- Power Costs
- Update on Utilities Maintenance, Outages & Projects
- Line Crew Activities - Outages
- Water Utility Statistics, Projects & Activities
- Engineering Activities
- Waste Water Plant Updates & Activities
- Generator Operations Report

Financial Reports – October & November 2024: Information Only.

- Status of Utilities
- Accounts, Budget
- Financial Information

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be February 11, 2025.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, Chairman Ferrando adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairman, Page Utility Enterprises Board