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May 13, 2025

The Audit Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the Executive Boardroom. The meeting convened at approximately 9:02 a.m.

**Present**

Director Maurice Sholas, MD, PhD, Chair  
Director H. Davis Cole  
Director Robin Barnes  
Director Tyler Antrup

**Members Absent**

Director Tamika Duplessis, PhD

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

A. *Ann Wilson, Environmental Affairs Chief*, presented the MWPP Environmental Audit (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention).

Ann provided a comprehensive review through a slideshow presentation for the committee, focusing on both the West Bank and East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plants. She covered the seven areas of the treatment plant, explained the scoring system, and discussed the sewer sludge. While the goal is to achieve the lowest score, the utility received scores of 110 points for the West Bank and 155 points for the East Bank. Additional highlights from the WWTP audit report included Comparison 2024 and 2023, details on Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Cause of Sanitary Sewer Overflow, the Average Response Time, and the Preventative Maintenance Summary.

A case study was also presented to the committee.

The committee discussed alternatives and offered suggestions to improving the process of the utility.

B. *Chief Audit Executive, Ed Sutherland* presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Internal Audit Department Update. The overview offered insight with a specific focus on the Plumbing Division. The audit included a report issued March 7, 2025, former occupational fraud identified in 2021; restitution has been paid and permitting and inspections moved to OneStop in October of 2023.

The review included a status on the Plumbing Division. The review evaluated the adequacy and effectiveness of any internal controls surrounding the licensing, permitting, inspection, recordkeeping activities performed by the Plumbing Division. Mr. Sutherland stated six findings were identified which included, OneStop Accounting, SOD's / collections for plumbing cards, licensing & registry of master plumbers, handling & custody of PII, aging of pending inspections, and organizational structure / regulatory environment. Mr. Sutherland provided recommendations of each finding to the committee.



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Director Antrup expressed concerns about streamlining the process of improving the management of OneStop, water cards and the procedures with license master plumbers.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Resolution (R-077-2025) East Bank Treatment Plant MWPP Environmental Audit
  - **Director Barnes moved to accept R-077-2025. Director Cole seconded. The motion carried.**
- Resolution (R-078-2025) West Bank Treatment Plant MWPP Environmental Audit
  - **Director Antrup moved to accept R-078-2025. Director Barnes seconded. The motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Audit Committee, Director Antrup moved to adjourn. Director Cole seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m.