

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority ("the Authority") is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40:14A-1 et seq. to retain such professional and technical advisors and experts as it may require; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to appoint professional consultants and advisors to provide services to the Authority during the year 2024 and until the next reorganization meeting of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the PRBRSA desires to authorize Hawkins, Delafield & Wood to undertake professional services as set forth in the proposal dated December 13, 2023 and available on file at the offices of the Authority, for a term of one year and in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 without additional authorization, and calculated on a time charged plus expense basis at the rates on file in the offices of the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.) authorizes contracts for the provision of "Professional Services," which may be awarded without public advertising and competitive bidding, provided a brief notice of the nature, duration, service and amount of contract is published, and that the Resolution and contract are kept on file and available for public inspection.

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for these purposes in accordance with the duly adopted budget of the Authority, under line item 22.04 and all supplements thereto, and other implementing resolutions of the Authority."

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing services are "professional" services as in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) which are permitted to be contracted without public bidding as set forth in N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(1) (a) and as a "non-fair and open" contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has determined that the value of the professional services will exceed \$17,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, the professional consultant named below has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee represented by an Authority member in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contribution through the term of the contract and a C.271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, the C.271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form, and the Determination of Value has been placed on file with this resolution.

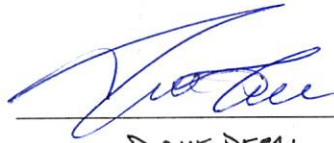
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority in the State of New Jersey on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, as follows:

The Authority does hereby name and designate Hawkins Delafield & Wood of Newark, New Jersey as Authority Bond Counsel to provide bond services as required, for a term of one year and in an amount not to exceed 5,000.00 without additional authorization, and subject to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, the Chairman is authorized to execute an agreement therewith for the provision of such service. This contract is awarded for the provision of professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

The Secretary is authorized and directed to cause a notice of this Resolution to be published in the official newspaper of the Authority concerning the appointment of the aforesaid bond counsel within ten (10) days of the date hereof. The aforesaid firm shall be paid from funds appropriated for these purposes in accordance with the duly adopted budget of the Authority, under line item 22.04 and all supplements thereto, and other implementing resolutions of the Authority. An Agreement for services shall be on file and available for inspection by members of the public in accordance with law.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution enacted at a duly convened public meeting of the Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority held on February 21, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave DeFai", written over a horizontal line.

DAVE DEFAI , Secretary