

Raymond - South Bend Regional Wastewater Coordinating Committee

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RWCC REGULAR MEETING Raymond City Hall June 28, 2012

- In attendance were: Eric deMontigny, Patricia Neve, Kirk Church, Jason Dunsmoor, Jerry Bowman, Bob Jungar, Dominic Miller, Jay Swift, Dean Parsons, Dale Little, Todd Stevens, and Cathi Read.
- **INTRODUCTIONS** - none necessary
- **A MOTION TO ACCEPT** the May 31, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Jerry, seconded by Jason and passed by the RWCC.
- **CONVEYANCE PROJECT CLOSEOUT**
 - Landis and Landis warranty log
 - No new items were added to the warranty log.
 - Settlement of the wet well at South Bend PS #3 has stabilized.
- **I/I PROJECT UPDATE**
 - Construction closeout
 - The only item remaining is retainage. South Bend's portion is \$7,500. Raymond's portion is \$14,000. It is expected that Raymond will end up at \$22,700 out of pocket. This amount includes a \$1,500 reduction as WSDOT has yet to file an anticipated claim for some engineering inspection costs.
 - \$3,800 remaining South Bend funds will be allocated to Raymond. This sum will be re-prioritized to South Bend projects. The combined total of funds to be re-prioritized to South Bend projects is \$95,995.61.
 - The cities of South Bend and Raymond have approved the I/I as recommended by G&O project as complete. A motion to accept completion was made by Todd, seconded by Jason and passed by the RWCC. The Secretary was asked to note that John Dunsmoor was not in attendance.
 - Change order #10 was signed and sent to Janet Cherry on June 6, 2012..

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- Dan Lee has been asked to investigate the possibility that some wires were switched on the portable generator. was to be put into Change Order #6. Cost has been provided by Rognlin's. City's stand-by generator has not and will not be used until modifications have been made. The Change Order was also to address the additional PUD connection charge of +/- \$750.
 - A seal is required around an antenna
 - The RWCC was advised that Janet Cherry will be leaving G&O as she is moving on to the Department of Health as a regional engineer..
- **REGIONAL WWTP PROJECT UPDATE**
 - Construction progress
 - Jay submitted treatment plant construction progress photographs.
 - 57.1% of contract time has been spent. 62.3% of funding has been spent. 53.1% of the engineering budget has been spent.
 - MCC and control panel testing is going satisfactorily
 - Site piping and site electrical is going satisfactorily.
 - Change orders: C/O #6
 - Item #1= desk top in control room of equipment building. Cost is \$4287. Jason raised a question about the cost. (This was approved at the RWCC at the meeting on May 31, 2012. Jason was not in attendance.)
 - #2 –Revised structural supports for aeration basin hyperbolic mixers. \$3,610.
 - Item #3 contract time extension.
 - Rognlin's is asking for 30 working days added to liquid stream start-up. The equipment building proved to be more complicated than anticipated. The RWCC suggested adding an additional 16 days to get past holidays. This would be a no cost change order. Per discussion with Jay, the City's attorney in the legal proceedings against Waste Action Project, Mike Tierney,

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does not believe this schedule delay to be an issue with the Consent Decree compliance by the City of South Bend, but he will ask Tierney to discuss with the plaintiff.

- Item #4 Summit Ave Restroom - Installation of utilities and prep work
 - ✓ PUD signed agreement with South Bend (Rognlin's letter attached)
 - ✓ Code question arose about 1-1/2 inch VS ¾ inch pipe requirement. Discussion followed and the piping will be installed as required by the Code. Pipe will be no less than 1-1/4 inch in diameter.
 - ✓ South Bend has ordered a water meter to accommodate larger volume as required by the Code. A question arose as to whether the change order included the cost for the larger pipe and meter (\$1,450) to accommodate.
 - ✓ South Bend will check on the water meter and the electrical service. The 182-foot trenching distance may be revised as required.
 - ✓ Original estimate of \$110 - \$115K did not include a grinder pump.
 - ✓ The RWCC voted to take no action on the Rest Station at this meeting. Subject will be addressed at the next RWCC

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meeting after additional review
by the RWCC members..

- Gray & Osborne presented Change Order Number 6 for action by the RWCC. After a brief discussion the RWCC requested that the said Change Order Number 6 be tabled for action at the next (August 1, 2012) meeting except for Item Number 2. Item Number 2 was approved after it was presented by Doug Welch at the May 31, 2012 RWCC meeting. The modifications to the clarifier equipment were a result of required structural integrity modifications by the equipment manufacturer.
- The RWCC wanted additional review time to evaluate Items 1, 3, and 4. These three Items were to remain a part of Change Order Number 6. Jason made a motion that was seconded by Todd to maintain Change Order Number 6, and present to the RWCC at the next meeting for recommendation. Item Number 2 to proceed but to remain a part of the said Change Order. (At the Construction Meeting on July 3, 2012 Rognlin's was advised to continue the ordering of Item Number 1 as this was approved at the last RWCC meeting on May 31, 2012.)
- The RWCC requested G&O do a more thorough review of all dollar figures prior to presenting future change orders. Specifically, it was requested G&O identify charges that appear excessive and bring those charges to the RWCC's attention proactively.
- **REGIONAL PROJECT ACCOUNTING SPREADSHEET UPDATE**
 - Jay presented an updated spreadsheet reflecting total costs spent by each city. Some numbers are the best available estimates – many are actual numbers.
 - Remaining grant funding and projects
 - There is \$4,045,707 available grant funding for Phase 2B projects. There is a potential additional amount to be re-allocated from WWTP contingency of between \$800,000 and \$1,150,000. The best case/worst case budgets for these projects include:

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- South Bend Lagoon Decommissioning at between \$1.6 and \$2.8 million
- Raymond Lagoon Decommissioning at between \$1,348,200 and \$1,647,800
- Central Avenue at \$767,500
- Odor Control and Fiber Optics at \$600,000
- The total range of costs is between \$4,315,799 and \$5,815,300. This would leave a range between a surplus of \$880,007 and a deficit of \$969,593 for other projects. These numbers assume a low \$1.6 million to a high of \$2.8 million for South Bend lagoon decommissioning and high/low estimates of the contingency re-allocation. Much depends on the Department of Ecology (Dan Thompson and Kyle Dorsey in the biosolids group, and Rick Mraz in the wetlands group) and other state and federal agencies and the determination of what can be left in the solids. Todd asked how any leftover funds would be distributed.

- **CENTRAL AVENUE**

- This project is 95% ready to bid. If approved, and if sufficient funds remain, the Central Avenue project would be funded out of RD. As discussed above, many unknowns remain about the available amount of RD grant funds. No other funding sources have been identified. There was no vote to go forward with the bidding process.
- After a lengthy discussion the RWCC made the decision that unless Dominic sees something that requires immediate attention, the City of South Bend will delay the Central Avenue project until next summer.
 - Funding-wise it's too risky. The City of South Bend may not have enough grant money, depending on the amount of remaining grant money and how it is allocated. The costs for decommissioning needs to be better defined before a decision can be reached regarding whether Central Avenue can move forward to construction.
 - The Cameras did not show this as an immediately critical issue. Completion of this project would meet several objectives for South Bend, but is not a must do at this time.
 - The time available for construction work this year is dwindling.

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- The \$767,500 is for future costs only and does not include work that has already been done. If additional plugging issues occur this winter, the costs to address are likely to less than \$10,000.

• ANNUAL BUDGETING PROCESS

- Report out from budgeting workshop
- Herbert S (Skip) Rand has signed a service agreement to act as an O/M budget consultant. He is to be paid on a time basis at \$54 per hour.
- Todd awaits Skip's numbers to complete the Regional Plant estimates.
- Budgeting Schedule
 - By July 13 Jay will consider budget estimates from Todd and Dean and sewer fund line items suggested by Hester to develop a draft budget to send to Skip
 - July 17-23 Skip on vacation
 - By July 27 Skip provide (via e-mail) input on draft budget to Bob, and Bob will share with the rest of the local group to review
 - August 1 5:30 pm at Raymond City Hall – RWCC meeting with Skip to discuss budget and finalize numbers (we would like Dee and Hester to attend)
 - By August 9 Skip send final regional budget to Bob for distribution to RWCC for review
 - At late August RWCC meeting (~ Aug 23 or 30?) - RWCC will allocate regional expenses to the two cities as per the Intergovernmental Contract
 - First council meetings in September – RWCC members/Mayors will present final regional budget numbers to respective councils (if it seems like councils or committees would like additional information, may ask Skip to make a presentation or two)
 - October Councils incorporate regional wastewater budget numbers into overall budgets

• BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL / LAGOON DECOMMISSIONING INVESTIGATION

- Ecology meeting and follow-up contacts
 - After reviewing minutes from a meeting with Kyle (Department of Ecology) and his ongoing conversations with Dan Thompson (Department of Fish and Wildlife), the RWCC is left with a feeling of cautious optimism regarding the biosolids removal/lagoon

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decommissioning. Any action may require the support of other state and federal agencies (such as Fish and Wildlife as well as various programs at Ecology, including Biosolids and Wetlands. Preliminary discussions with the Wetlands people (Rick Mraz) were encouraging.) The G&O proposal will likely include planting cattails, not breaching initially, but breaching the dike so the wetlands system interacts with the estuary as is desired. Per discussion with Ecology, we will develop a detailed plan outlining what we want to do. The City of South Bend has been working with John Kliem as a consultant to define the city's critical areas. He is willing to lend his knowledge and experience with the City to this Regional project.

- Weyerhaeuser letter was reviewed and approved by Dale and Kirk and will be sent. At this point there is to be no landowner (Camenzind) contact.
 - Does the City of South Bend want G&O to create a 10-page document explaining the project? The cost for that document would be \$6 - \$7,000.
 - The City wants to push Weyerhaeuser for a meeting. The City does not need to purchase the entire 171 acres. The minimum purchase would be 35 acres.
- Jay will create project proposal to discuss with regulators and property owners. The report will include cumulative loading calculations. Kyle still has concerns about mercury; however, any metals are in the aerated part of the lagoons only which constitutes a small part of the area. Additional sampling is probably not necessary.-

- **SET NEXT MEETING** –Wednesday - August 1, 2012 – 5:30 Raymond
- **ADJOURN** 7:50 PM