

Raymond - South Bend Regional Wastewater Coordinating Committee

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RWCC REGULAR MEETING Raymond City Hall March 29, 2012

- **The meeting was called to order** at 5:35 PM by Chair Eric deMontigny.
- **In attendance were** Eric deMontigny, Dale Little, Kirk Church, John Dunsmoor, Jason Dunsmoor, Cathi Reed, Doug Welch, Jay Swift, Todd Stephens, Bob Jungar, Jerry Bowman, Dominic Miller, and Patricia Neve.
- **Introductions were not necessary.**
- **A move to accept the February 23, 2012 meeting minutes** was made by John Dunsmoor, seconded by Jerry Bowman, and carried unanimously by the RWCC.
- **Conveyance Project Closeout**
 - Gray and Osborne continues to maintain a warranty log. Dominic mentioned the Alder Street concerns brought up at the last meeting as well as advising the RWCC of another problem that seems to be developing in the same general area. It is in the parking lane out of the traffic lanes. The problem has worsened in the past six months but is not considered to be an issue requiring immediate attention. It will continue to be monitored.
 - Since the last meeting some minor settlement at South Bend Pump Station #3 has occurred: an estimated 1/8" at the wet well and about 1/32" for the valve vault. Monitoring is on-going. Even though the settlement is measurable, the geo-tech engineer is not overly concerned at this time.
- **I/I project update**
 - Construction closeout: Pump Station 2 nearing completion and start-up is scheduled for next week. Representatives from the Department of Ecology and the EPA paid a visit on March 22. They did a walk-through

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with Janet Cherry. They did not have too much to say other than things “look good”

- Two change orders remain outstanding:
 - C/O #8 is to increase the breakers at Pump Station #2 from 100 to 200 amp. This change order has been passed by Dean and sent to Raymond’s Mayor Jungar.
 - C/O #9 is still under review. The question is whether to reline or replace the manhole outside Pump Station #2. Dean appears to be leaning toward replacing; however, a final decision has not been reached. Rognlin’s is poised to order the manhole upon official approval from the City of Raymond. The pumps are in and the equipment will soon be ready for start-up. Bob indicated that this change order will be covered in the City Council meeting next Monday. Kirk raised a question as to whether the weather would impede the manhole installation but Dominic assured him it would not be an issue. As it were, the lead time from order to receipt of the product would put its installation sometime in late April.

- **Regional WWTP Project Update**

- Doug spoke on the progress at the WWTP. Aeration basins are complete. Work continues on the elevated slab of the equipment building. Walkways are complete. Piles for the solids building and head-works have been laid. The outfall has been completed and connected to the flow meter. Forming for the head-works and UV structures is underway. Doug met with Conley and Totem about the electrical installations. Everything is going well and everyone is happy with the quality of work.
- Payment status - #13 has been issued for \$630K which brings the to-date total to \$10.9 million, or approximately 55% of the project.
- Change orders and potential construction issues
 - After a third lengthy discussion a motion to accept the proposal of ~\$34,000 for the required additional 46 pressure gauges was made by Jason, seconded by Jerry and passed unanimously by the RWCC and will be processed as change order #5.
- Schedule – Rognlin’s Dave McAlister is somewhat concerned that the equipment building slab is more involved than anticipated regarding the

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multiple pours required. They may have some difficulty with the planned November 15th start-up date and are working on a revised schedule.

- The overall quality is very good. It's rare to see such well-aligned and straight concrete work. While originally skeptical of the RWCC project requirements, Rognlin's has adhered to them without issue or complaint.
- Jason raised a question about fiber-optics. While favorable in the long term it is an expensive option, to the tune of \$200K. Jason indicated he had a lower cost estimate and will pass this along to Doug. There is a question as to whether this might be an option for the Phase 2B "leftovers".

- **Regional Project Accounting Spreadsheet Update**

- Jay met earlier in the day with the City Clerks Dee and Hester. During the meeting they discussed the updated spreadsheet and outlay report, the close out of the ARRA project and the repayment amounts for each City. Operation and maintenance costs and additional staff were also among Hester's concerns.
 - Jay distributed copies of the updated spreadsheet which include the split for ARRA change orders, recent contracts for the Central Avenue engineering, and the credit for South Bend for the prioritization of the I/I project. These changes are also reflected in the outlay report
 - The Outlay report reflects changes made, submitted to, and approved by RD to reflect Phase 2B decommissioning and Central Avenue so cities can be paid for that work. Phase 2B includes all follow on projects. These are regarded as "pick me" numbers which will be refined as projects go on.
 - Kirk raised a concern that the City of South Bend would be paying for non-RWCC (Regional) work. He was assured that the IGC has strict provisions and formulas to deal with just that issue and that the City of Raymond's payroll system has the ability to distinguish the employee's time between RWCC and non-RWCC hours. Kirk is concerned about being hit by a bill from the City of Raymond that has not been budgeted for. As the amount due by the City of South Bend depends on the flows and loading that are sent to the plant a definite, concrete number cannot be known at this time. The first year will be an estimate and it will be revised annually.

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There is a union factor with seniority issues involved which Dean is working through. Budgeting will come back to the agenda.

- Hester requested some guidance from RWCC as to when regional costs are incurred and when additional staff needs to be hired for operations for her planning purposes.

- **Biosolids removal / lagoon decommissioning investigation status:** About 100 samplings were taken last week from the South Bend lagoons. Sludge depths were measured. Analysis results, to include nitrogen concentrations, are expected in about 1-1/2 weeks. All areas sampled have some sludge. Jay distributed a number of photos taken during the sampling. The cost to return the land to Weyerhaeuser in its original state is estimated to be approximately \$3 million. It involves removing the bio-solids, filling the lagoons and removing all equipment. At this point we do not know exactly what Weyerhaeuser would require of the Cities. Jay brought up an alternative which took the conversation in a completely different direction. The alternative:
 - Some time ago Weyerhaeuser offered to sell the lagoon property to City for \$117K. The City countered with an offer of \$17K while the property had an appraised value of \$85K. Jay's point is that the cost to purchase is a fraction of the cost to decommission. That leaves additional options and/or problems to consider:
 - Pros are that (1) as owners of the property we may be able to leave the bio solids in the lagoon, (2) leftover funding could be used for future mitigation and/or development, and (3) ownership would give us the opportunity to act more quickly. (Experience has shown that Weyerhaeuser wheels move very slowly.), and (4) the actual cost of decommissioning may exceed the budgeted \$3 million. For instance, if the nitrogen level is too high, removal of the bio solids is a must. A con is that even though the fate of this property is not addressed in the IGC, Ecology has stated that the bio solids must be removed.
 - A pro is that the land may be able to be converted to a wetland and/or slough and/or salmon habitat. A con is that this could involve several to many permits and regulatory agencies.
 - A mitigation case could possibly be made to RD for funding of the purchase. This would be all grant money and would not reduce the money owed.

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- **Central Avenue sewer investigation status** – Surveying continues. All sewer lines have been TV'd. While side leaks have been identified, side sewers were not detected. The line is in bad shape with sags and breaks, and needs replacing. A total fix of the problem will cost an estimated \$780,800.
 - While this is a considerable amount of money, it would solve a considerable I/I problem for South Bend which would affect the volume and flow sent to Raymond.
 - Dye testing is planned to identify suspected problem areas
 - Funding could come the un-used funds from other programs
 - The importance of the issue suggests that the City of South Bend move forward with design and have further discussion as to how to pay for its implementation. Kirk would like to see a more detailed breakdown of the costs, especially those associated with traffic control. Discussion about costs and funding continues.

- Set next meeting – April 26, 2012 – South Bend City Hall – 5:30 PM

- Adjourn at 7:55 PM