

RWCC MEETING MINUTES

RAYMOND CITY HALL

July 9, 2015

Present were Eric deMontigny, Bunny Williams, Dean Parsons, Patricia Neve, Doug Welch, Dominic Miller, Dennis Houk, Todd Stephens, and Jason Dunsmoor.

- Introductions – None necessary
- Review agenda – the agenda was accepted as presented. There were no additional items,
- Review and approval of May 28, 2015 meeting minutes, A motion to approve the May 28, 2015 minutes was made by Todd, seconded by Jason, and carried unanimously.
- Regional WWTP Update
 - Punchlist status – A few items remain:
 - The hypochlorite pump – Todd is in discussion with Doug about this item. The flow to the diaphragm pump is so low that off-gassing causes an environment that the LMI pump cannot handle and it locks up. Todd contends that LMI pumps are used in hundreds of these installations without a problem. Doug responded that it is not the LMI pump per se, but the size of the line out of the holding tank to the pump. The LMI pump is not capable of handling the off-gassing. It fails even when the tank is full. Doug suggests the purchase and installation of a peristaltic pump that has the ability to pull the gasses through without a problem. Doug suggests the purchase of the peristaltic pump at about \$1,000 along with extra tubing and a head and to have it installed by a local plumber. Doug suggests that the cost be billed to the outlay report.
 - Extra drives should be ordered.
 - AllMax O&M Software should be ordered.

- G&O will return in 6 weeks to perform another settlement survey.
 - G&O has traded e-mails with Rognlin's about a spare air flow meter and the mag meter. Specifications call for one spare air flow meter for each size of air header, but Totem disagrees, interpreting it as one spare air flow meter. Rognlin's wants to run a wire to test the circuit pathway on the TWAS Mag Meter on the recommendation of Raymond's integrator contractor. If the circuit is okay, they will replace the flow meter.
 - Clean out and fix the second digester in the same manner as the first digester was repaired. The issue involves the jet mix system. The problem occurred because air and jet pump both were cycled off during an anoxic period, and solids somehow entered the air header and became a hardened mass that blocked the system. Since then, the program has been altered to merely slow down the airflow during what is supposed to be an anoxic period. (Anoxic = No Oxygen, or air-off condition). The fix involves cutting and removing sections of pipe, cleaning out the air header, installing couplings and putting the air header back together.
 - Rognlin's will be replacing the fuel sump gasket. Potential future settlement of the fuel sump will be monitored on a routine basis. (Aaron with G&O to prepare a write-up regarding the monitoring.)
- South Bend Lagoon decommissioning
 - Funding Update – Debbie is calculating and analyzing residential and commercial water use in an effort to obtain hardship funding. G&O is asking Debbie for a timeline as the time to execute the contract is running out. A request for RD grant funding will be going out to the National office next Monday (July 13th).
 - Contract Update – Doug has brought the contract that needs the attorney's signature. Copies were left with Dean Parsons.
 - Construction Schedule
 - Rognlin's began dewatering last Monday. They have removed about 2.5 million gallons of the estimated 10 million that needs to be taken out. Dewatering will be completed by the end of the month. Pollutant levels are in compliance.

- Who is keeping track of time/labor/equipment in event that something “happens”? At this point Rognlins is proceeding at their own risk; however, someone should be keeping track just in case of a dispute and possible settlement comes up in the future. Todd and Dennis agree that there appears to be only one person full time on site during the draining with someone else performing sampling a couple of days. It was agreed that we need to keep track as well as we are able.
 - At this point funding for this project has yet to come through. What will happen if the funding does not come through? G&O will contact RD.
 - Will we still need interim financing? What were the terms with Bank of the Pacific? Doug will check the files and advise.
 - Update with DNR and the easement and the remaining pipes: DNR requires a field survey. G&O can locate either end, but has to rely on the as-builts for the rest of the pipe. DNR requires this information to calculate area of the easement calculating the lease fee to the City of South Bend. DNR has a per square foot fee schedule. He is aware that South Bend does not have a lot of money available for this fee or the cost of the survey. He will be in contact with the South Bend Mayor to discuss. The City will continue to work with DNR. The DNR Land Manager, Brandon Kingsbury, is considering this option. Alternately, when G&O conducts their next settlement survey they may be able to survey the pipe in the same trip. Working with DNR is time consuming.
- South Bend Central Avenue Project Update
 - The bid opening for this project was yesterday and it was not encouraging. NOVA Contracting was the low bidder at \$106,000 over the Engineer’s Estimate. Each bidder seemed to have out-of-range numbers for a particular line item. G&O did get calls the day before the bid deadline about ground water conditions and the difficulties of construction at 10-15 feet below street level. It is indeed a difficult construction project. G&O went back over their numbers but remain perplexed at some of the prices submitted on some of the proposals bid

items. Out of the 25 bid items there were vast differences in 13 items. The noticeable discrepancies were in traffic control, utilities location, structure removal, trench excavation and backfill, bank run gravel, 8 and 10 inch piping, sewer service lateral connections, site restoration, PVC storm drain, and point repair. The bids ranged from a low from NOVA of \$753,575 to Rognlin's of 913,066.

- This is a CDBG funded job. The preliminary estimate was \$592,725. There is a possibility that the City of South Bend could obtain an additional \$72,400. The absolute maximum amount would be \$750,000 because of South Bend's previous awards of CDBG funding. G&O is investigating a way to reduce project costs. The plan is for the City of South Bend to award the bid to NOVA contingent upon funding.
- Other:
 - Developments at the Port of Willapa Harbor: Per Dean, they picked up drawings – nothing more.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - To discuss any matter suitable for Executive Session under RCW 42.30.11 – 6:12 PM – 6:17 PM
- Schedule next meeting – August 13th - Raymond
- Adjourn 6:18 PM