

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

November 23, 2010

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, John Whikehart, Jeff Ehman, Pedro Roman, Jason Banach, and Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Michael Horstman, Phil Peden, Mike Hicks, Jane Fleig and Jon Callahan. Others present: Joe Teusch representing Greeley and Hansen, and Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 9th meeting. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on November 17, 2010 included \$180,599.29 from the Water Utility; \$117,823.46 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$13,586.25 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$312,009.00.

Board member Ehman said the new format for the claims is the best he has ever seen.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

Wire transfers and fees for the month of August 2010:

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of August in the amount of \$640,594.28.

Motion carried, 6 Ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AWARD DILLMAN ROAD WWTP EMERGENCY EFFLUENT FILTERS REHABILITATION PROJECT:

Utilities Capital Projects Manger Hicks said on November 15th at noon bids for this project were received. There were five bidders. The engineering consultant working on this project, Greeley and Hansen represented by Joe Teusch, evaluated the 5 bid packets for correctness. Mr. Hicks asked Mr. Teusch to explain the bids to the USB.

Mr. Teusch said the apparent low bidder is City Infrastructure Systems, Inc. from Heltonville, IN. All the references for this firm checked out well. The City of Terre Haute commented that they are one of the best contractors that had ever worked for them. Greeley and Hansen have not worked with

them before so they wanted to make sure the firm is a quality contractor who can work in Bloomington.

Mr. Teusch said after they had gone through the bidders to make sure they were responsive and responsible they also had City Legal review them. The Legal Department agreed with the assessment of Greeley and Hansen. The bid form was initially set up with a base bid price for rehabilitation of two filters then there was also a series of mandatory bid alternates. These included a price to rehabilitate filter number three and also prices for replacements of several valve actuators. Mr. Teusch said he is pleased to point out the low bidder is about 50% below the Engineer's estimate. That gives Utilities some flexibility in making additional repairs if that is what the USB chooses to do. Greeley and Hansen recommends the Utility proceed with the rehabilitation of all four of the filters. The reason the fourth filter was not initially a part of the bid is because they had not expected the bids to be as competitive as they were. The possibility of doing all four is still being investigated. This resolution must be passed to show the USB agrees with the recommendation of the Engineer that City Infrastructure Systems is in fact the low bidder. The contract to be awarded will be brought to the USB at a separate board meeting.

Utilities' Director Murphy said he has asked Mr. Teusch and City Attorney Renfrow to investigate whether the SRF will allow all four filters to be rehabilitated. Given the climate the bids were received in it would be a huge plus to be able to rehabilitate all four. It would provide some real security. Mr. Teusch said three of the filters are verified to have failed under drains. The fourth filter was put in the same year, about 30 years ago. One of the challenges Utilities may have is if the fourth filter were to fail like the first three, and introduce the filter media into the back wash system, it would create an opportunity for the media to get shifted into the three good under drains which could compromise them in the way that has happened with the other three filters. If there is a financial ability to do all four, and with a contractor mobilized, it seems there would be significant benefit to rehabilitating all four filters.

Board President Swafford asked if Mr. Teusch would come back with a recommendation on the bids at the next meeting. Capital Projects Manager Hicks said that is the way he would see it happening. It is dependant on SRF's approval. The resolution will go to SRF. Sometimes they have a week turn around on things and sometimes it is more. Mr. Swafford asked how long the bids would be good for. Mr. Hicks said bids can be held for 90 days. It will come back to the USB at the next meeting or the one following that.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of Intent to Award the Dillman Road WWTP Filter Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Frank).

OLD BUSINESS:

Board member Roberts thanked staff for providing the Labor Management Committee minutes for the USB.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy informed the USB that he and Utilities Deputy Director Langley have started the first round of interviews for the Superintendent of Operations position. They have interviewed some great candidates and he anticipates a second round of interviews to talk more in depth. The target is to try to fill the position by mid to late December.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President