

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 – 1:00 P.M. – 1100 E. EIGHTH STREET

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1100 E. Eighth Street, by the President Pro-Tem of the Board, Judith A. Paul.

Commissioners present for the meeting were Judith A. Paul and Ronald J. Strauss. Commissioners J. Jeffrey Jones, Ph.D., Boyd W. Phelps and Linda G. Simmons were absent.

Staff Members present for the meeting were:

Alan J. Walus, General Manager
Michael A. Hoffman, Collection System Superintendent
Doretha M. Sanders, Administrative Director
Tina M. Tabisz, Administrative Assistant
William J. Nelson, Jr., Attorney

Also present for the meeting were:

Ta-Tanisha Clark, Human Rights Director
John Doyle, John A. Doyle & Associates
Jim Maurer, Haas & Associates
Anthony Martini, Christopher B. Burke Engineering
Trudy Buehler, Christopher B. Burke Engineering
Mike Edinger, Woodruff & Sons
Ryan Miller, D&M Excavating
Jon Hollinger, HRP Construction
John Milner, H&G Underground Utilities
Todd Brown, Bradshaw Construction,
Denny Mykrantz, Independent Concrete Pipe Co.
David Howell, Mole/Iowa JV
Jason Clark, Mole/Iowa JV
Lewis Shapiro, Jay Dee Contractors
Steven Schrawfnagel, Super Excavators
Andre Steele, ALCO TV

In reference to the bids due for the Lafayette/Barker Storm Sewer Interceptor Project, Attorney Nelson advised that the proofs of publication have been received indicating publication on March 11th and March 18th, 2009 in the Michigan City News-Dispatch and the La Porte Herald Argus.

Mr. Walus advised that five bids have been received. Trudy Buehler, of Christopher B. Burke Associates, opened and read the bids, as follows:

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| Mole/Iowa, Joint Venture, Indianapolis, Indiana | |
| Base Bid | \$9,900,393.00 |
| Alternate Bid | \$3,052,395.00 |
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| L.J. Keefe Co., Mt. Prospect, Illinois | |
| Base Bid | \$7,213,810.00 |
| Alternate Bid | \$2,827,765.00 |
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| Bradshaw Construction, Ellicott City, Maryland | |
| Base Bid | \$13,139,365.00 |
| Alternate Bid | \$2,692,750.00 |
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| Super Excavators, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin | |
| Base Bid | \$8,972,345.00 |
| Alternate Bid | \$2,274,395.00 |
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| Jay Dee Contractors, Livonia, Michigan | |
| Base Bid | \$11,717,865.00 |
| Alternate Bid | \$1,687,475.00 |

Ms. Buehler advised that the Engineer's Estimate for the base bid is \$12,500,000 but would be made available to everyone.

Ms. Paul thanked the contractors that submitted bids on the project and advised that the bids will be referred to the Engineer and Attorney for review and tabulation.

In reference to the bids due for the Ohio Street/Southwind Drive Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Project, Attorney Nelson advised that the proofs of publication have been received indicating publication on March 11th and March 18th, 2009 in the Michigan City News-Dispatch and the La Porte Herald Argus.

Mr. Walus advised that five bids have been received. Jim Maurer, of Haas & Associates, opened and read the bids as follows:

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| deBoer Engolf, Portage, Indiana | |
| Total of All Bid Items | \$1,189,424.00 |
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| D&M Excavating, Michigan City, Indiana | |
| Total of All Bid Items | \$845,899.00 |
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| Woodruff & Sons, Michigan City, Indiana | |
| Total of All Bid Items | \$798,298.00 |

**HRP Construction, South Bend, Indiana
Total of All Bid Items**

\$1,413,000.00

**H&G Underground Utilities, La Porte, Indiana
Total of Bid Items**

\$867,428.34

Mr. Walus advised that the bids will be referred to the Engineer and Attorney for tabulation and review. He added that there will be a Special Meeting scheduled for the later part of next week, at which time the Board may be in a position to award the Ohio/Southwind Project.

Mr. Maurer thanked all of the contractors that submitted bids. He then advised that the Engineer's Estimate was \$1,000,000.

Public Comment

Ms. Paul called for any public comment. There was none.

The following status reports were given:

John Doyle of John A. Doyle & Associates reported on the following projects:

Freyer Ditch/Gardena Street Storm Drainage Improvement Project

Mr. Doyle advised that all pipe and landscaping is in place. It has been seeded in that part of the project. The contractor is still in the process of trying to test the pipe for leakage. Mr. Doyle explained that there have been a few problems, not necessarily with leaking pipes.

Mr. Doyle advised that everything seems to be fine and expects that the work will all be done by the next regular monthly meeting.

Mr. Doyle advised that the Gardena Street work approved at last month's meeting, between White Oak Drive and Salem Street, is underway and the curbs are being installed today. He expects that the entire project will be paved within a week or so and everything should be complete on that job by the next regular monthly meeting.

Singh Petroleum Company Convenience Center

Mr. Doyle advised that he has been working with Mr. Walus on a sewer use agreement with the owner. The owner has asked for some modifications to the agreement that Mr. Walus had provided to the owner. This may possibly be ready to take care of at the Special Meeting to be scheduled.

Mr. Walus explained that he used the Evergreen Baptist Church Sewer Use Agreement as a guide, which is one of our most recent agreements that seemed to fit this project well.

Mr. Walus stated that the name references were appropriately changed to Singh Petroleum Company as well as identifying the amount of financial contributions from Mr. Singh to the construction of the Pine School Sewer Project.

Mr. Walus advised that he worked with Mr. Doyle to submit a draft of the agreement to Mr. Singh. All of the comments from Mr. Singh have been resolved and the revision is being forwarded to Attorney Nelson's office so that the final changes can be reviewed and made.

Mr. Walus advised that the hope is to meet with Mr. Singh prior to the Special Board Meeting next week to obtain his signature that can then be brought before the Board for potential action. This would then complete this part of the project.

Ms. Paul thanked Mr. Doyle for his report.

Jim Maurer of Haas & Associates reported on the following projects:

Pine School Sewer

Mr. Maurer advised that the project is almost complete. There is just a bit more testing left on two segments of sanitary sewer. Additionally, the lift station electrical and control panels have to be installed as well as providing the NIPSCO gas and electric services to the lift station. He anticipates that all of this should be completed within the next couple of weeks and the project should be ready for operation.

Ms. Paul thanked Mr. Maurer for his report.

The following departmental status reports were given:

Al Walus

In reference to the Trail Creek Watershed, Mr. Walus advised that he and Jerry Jackson of the La Porte Wastewater Treatment Plant have been invited and asked to serve on a technical committee for the County's effort to update the county zoning ordinances.

Mr. Walus advised that he and Mr. Jackson attended their first meeting in this effort last week. They have both been asked, as representatives of Michigan City and La Porte respectively, to provide information and input with regard to storm water aspects of the new zoning ordinance arrangements.

Mr. Walus explained that there may be a storm water design-type manual for the county. Therefore, he and Mr. Jackson were glad to participate in an effort to try and maintain continuity between what both cities are doing and what is being done throughout the county.

Mr. Walus also advised that the Trail Creek Watershed Plan also contained a couple of different recommendations for zoning ordinance issues with regard to setbacks and riparian corridors. Therefore, they discussed the inclusion of those recommendations for the Trail Creek Watershed Plan with the consultants that the County hired that are updating the zoning ordinance, primarily the riparian setbacks as well as possibly looking at preservation of sensitive areas.

Mr. Walus explained that they are trying to make sure that we have consistent storm water definitions, plans and management philosophies throughout the county. Additionally, they are taking advantage of this technical group to try to incorporate the Watershed Plan recommendations into the county zoning ordinances.

Ms. Paul thanked Mr. Walus for his report.

Mike Hoffman

In reference to the Safety Report for the Wastewater Division of the Sanitary District (WWTP, Administration and Collection System), Mr. Hoffman advised that there were no reported injuries and no lost time. This makes three months with no lost time.

Mr. Hoffman advised that the Safety Report of the Refuse Department was not available at this time.

In reference to current drainage projects, Mr. Hoffman reported the following:

Tulip Tree Drive – We are getting ready to obtain easements and probably obtain quotes.

Davis Drive – We are continuing to seek the easements to proceed with the quote that was approved at last month's meeting.

In reference to MS4, Mr. Hoffman advised that he attended a pre-inspection meeting last Wednesday (April 15th) in Gary, Indiana. He believes the five-year inspections will occur around September or October later this year. He explained that this meeting covered what will be expected of the entities in the inspection.

Mr. Hoffman advised that he will be attending the 2nd Annual MS4 Meeting in Noblesville, Indiana tomorrow (April 23rd) which will again give a general overview how the MS4 Program is doing throughout the state. The inspection process will probably also be addressed at this meeting as well.

Ms. Paul thanked Mr. Hoffman for his report.

Attorney Bill Nelson

Attorney Nelson advised that his matters will have to be deferred until the next meeting with a quorum of members.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Mr. Walus advised that he will be working with Board Members to determine schedule availability to potentially have a Special Meeting next Thursday, April 30, 2009. The Board Members will be contacted and everyone else will be advised.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Sanitary District Commissioners –
May 27, 2009 – 1:00 p.m. - 1100 E. Eighth Street

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned.

/ Linda G. Simmons/
Linda G. Simmons, Secretary