

Special Meeting Minutes

November 11th, 2024

A Special Meeting of the L.I.D. was held at the Lockwood Water and Sewer District office, at 1644 Old Hardin Road, for the purpose of board review and action to continue the Pump Station Replacement Project with the selection of Watertronics for the pump skid unit and Askin Construction for the on-site construction work. In attendance were Board members/Commissioners Terry Seiffert, Brent Kober, & Bob Riehl, Manager Carl Peters and Project Engineer Taylor Kasperick, PE of Performance Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Terry Seiffert.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Pump Station Replacement Project:

Performance Engineer Taylor Kasperick presented the overall budget for the project showing the total amount of the bonding of **\$1,739,000.00**. Added to this amount: \$72,956.00 in ARPA grant funds transferred from the intake project, and as a result of discussions during the October 29th conference call with Anna Miller & Bill Herbolich-DNRC, Dan Semmens-Bond Counsel, Taylor Kasperick-Project Engineer, and Carl Peters-L.I.D. Manager, it was suggested that previous L.I.D. payments of \$55,347.44 toward the 15% deposit to Watertronics and \$22,614.20 paid to Performance Engineering could be redirected from reimbursable to district contribution to the overall project to increase the budget to include previously proposed omitted components. The possible \$39,000.00 Northwestern Energy Rebate for the VFD motors is not a guarantee and will not be considered in the total budget of **\$1,889,917.64**.

Expenses to be deducted from the total budget include:

\$116,909.00 for Personnel: \$10,750.00, Legal: \$10,000.00, Audit: \$5,000.00, Bond Counsel: \$47,000.00 and Debt Service Reserves: \$44,159.00.

\$1,004,061.29 for Lift Pipe Replacement construction: \$237,485.29, Engineering: \$196,830 and Watertronics: \$569,746.00.

\$871,451.00 for Askin Construction bid: \$857,500.00 and Northwestern Energy 60' power: \$13,951.00.

The project balance after all expenses are deducted is a negative **\$102,503.65**. To proceed with the project, Engineer Taylor Kasperick presented a list of 7 Value Engineering or Omitted Items totaling **\$161,451.00**:

1. Swap Item 401 and 401A: \$1,500.00;
2. Omit item 304-removal of existing pumps/motors: \$25,000.00;
3. Omit item 404-replace security system: \$2,500.00;
4. Remove enclosure from pump station: \$71,000.00;
5. Omit gate actuator at 60': \$16,500;
6. Removal of NWE service & utilizing 100' canal scope at 60': \$14,951.00 and
7. Removal of controls/monitors at 60': \$30,000.00.

If all 7 items are removed, the new project balance would be a positive **\$58,947.35**.

After reviewing and discussing all items line by line, the board had concerns about using a one-time assessment or a possible short term bank loan to pay for a portion of the enclosure for the pump station for protection from the elements and vandalism and decided to eliminate the pump enclosure. With the elimination of the enclosure, the Engineer suggested adding security fencing around the pump station and estimated the cost at \$100 per foot.

In conclusion, the board decided to add the following previously omitted items: 5. Gate actuator at 60' = \$16,500; 6. NWE service & utilizing 100' canal scope at 60' = \$14,951.00; and 7. Controls/monitors at 60' = \$30,000.00. The added items total **\$61,451.00** resulting in a new project balance of a negative **\$2,503.65** after all listed expenses. The Engineer will contact Jares Fence for a more accurate estimate for the security fencing to be added later.

President Terry Seiffert signed the DNRC Vendor Invoice for the \$72,956.00 ARPA funds transferred from the Intake Project to the Pump Station Replacement Project.

A motion was made by Bob Riehl and seconded by Brent Kober to give the Notice of Award to Askin Construction as the low bidder of **\$857,500.00** for the L.I.D. Pump Station Replacement Project.

Note that the **\$350,000.00** BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) account for the first Phase of the project-Replacement of the Lift Pipe paid: \$237,485.29 to COP Construction, \$60,272.00 to Performance Engineering, \$22,000.00 to Dorsey & Whitney, LLP Bond Counsel and the BAN account balance of \$30,242.71 was paid towards the 15% deposit of \$85,590.15 to Watertronics for the pump skid unit.

No motion was made for adjournment, but the meeting ended at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Peters
Manager