

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Connors, Daly, A. Johnson, Sausville, Thompson, Wood, Gutheil; Yepsen; David Wickerham Co. Administrator; Wes Carr, Project Coordinator; Mark Rider, Co. Attorney; Dan Loewenstein, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.; Ed Vopelak, C.T. Male; Jim Carminucci, Lemery Greisler; Press

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order.

Mr. Connors moved to approve the minutes of the June 13th meeting. Mr. Thompson seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Callanan stated we received a huge boost with the idea that the first chip plant (AMD) will be built. The projections are that we will be supplying 2 to 3 million gallons per day for it which makes the project feasible, he said. He stated it means we have to accelerate this project because we have to complete our program by the fall of 2008. We've got to move a lot faster than we have been, he said.

Mr. Loewenstein distributed copies of the Water Treatment And Transmission Facilities Design July Progress Report, and he reviewed its contents:

1. Raw Water Pump Station and Water Treatment Plant Design:
 - a. The design is complete and has been submitted to the NYS DOH for review and comment. He said they have made preliminary submittals of the document, and they are not anticipating any major changes.
 - b. Coordination with National Grid for electrical service.
 - c. Reviewing and checking the final cost estimate.
 - d. Received Pall Corporation shop drawings.
2. Transmission Main and Water Storage Tank:
 - a. Pipeline plan and profiles are completed and scheduled to be submitted to the NYS DOH for review and comment next week.
 - b. Preparing the pipeline easement descriptions and maps.

3. Permitting:

- a. Attended USACE meeting for wetland coordination.
- b. Drafted USACE Public Notice and answered several questions from regulators in an effort to finalize and issue the notice to begin the public comment period.
- c. Coordinated with new project manager from the USACE after project review was reassigned from the Albany field office to the NYC office.
- d. Drafted Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Plan for USACE and NYSDEC wetland impacts.
- e. Installed piezometers (pipes that can be driven into the ground to determine groundwater) at a potential mitigation site.
- f. Completed and submitted response to Notice of Incomplete Application from the NYSDEC.
- g. Drafted Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPP) required for Construction Storm Water General Permit compliance.
- h. Began addressing comments on the DEIS for inclusion in the FEIS.

4. Planned Progress:

- a. Address comments by NYS DOH.
- b. Finalize Pall Corporation shop drawings.
- c. Address DEIS comments.
- d. Prepare wetland mitigation plan
- e. Finish preparing easement descriptions and maps.

Mr. Connors asked if there were any projections on the completion of the FEIS. Mr. Loewenstein said they are hoping to have it done in four weeks.

Chairman Callanan said regarding the easements, the plan is to mail letters to the people who will be involved along with the description of property and map as to where the easement will be. There will have to be personal contact, but do we hire an individual or a firm, or do we have a person on staff to do it, he asked. We will have to follow up on this, he added. He said these are for the temporary and permanent easements. Ms. Daly asked how many there are, and Chairman Callanan stated 184 overall.

Mr. Sausville said there may be an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone with this with regard to the Zim Smith Trail. He suggested that the

County get permission to build the bike trail at the same time it gets permission from the landowners to lay the pipe. He said the northern part of this trail is co-located with the water line. Chairman Callanan stated that may complicate our process. It is one thing to ask for an easement to bury pipeline and another thing to have people bicycling on the property, he said. He stated he believes these are two separate issues. Mr. Thompson said we should just be worrying about our pipeline.

Mr. Johnson asked if most of the easements are along the County Sewer. Mr. Vopelak stated a lot of the easements will be on private property all the way to the Spa State Park. The problem parcels are between Oak Street (off of East High Street) north to the Spa State Park, he said. Mr. Connors stated we should evaluate how many people are involved. Mr. Sausville said we should do the doable and move the others to the back burner.

Mr. Johnson asked who would we hire to do the personal contacts. Mr. Wickerham said normally our own projects are done with DPW. Mr. Rider stated he believes the Sewer hired 1 – 2 people back then. He said a notary public would be a good person because of documents that need to be signed. Mr. Vopelak stated some of their surveyors did the property contacts for the Sewer easements. Ms. Daly said she does not think we would want an engineer to do this. Chairman Callanan said we should prepare an RFP, and it may be necessary to call a special meeting of this Committee to deal with some of the special issues to keep this on track.

Mr. Connors asked the engineers for an opinion on moving this project from three to two years. Mr. Loewenstein said they have been in contact with four major contractors that would be interested in bidding. We can explain the circumstances to get the project done in about 18 months, he said. We are trying to get fair and economical pricing and still get this done quickly, he stated. We have to prepare to go to bid in the fall, he added. He said the driver on the job is the treatment plant.

Mr. Sausville asked if the 2 to 3 million gallons per day was for one fab or two. Chairman Callanan said only for one. Those are the numbers we have been given, he said.

Ms. Yepsen said she believes the pipe in the ground notion wouldn't feel to homeowners that they would be getting anything in return, but the bicycle option might help the situation. Mr. Rider said the documents for the

pipeline easement have been prepared and are ready to go. They are not suitable for the Zim Smith Trail, he said. They would have to be done all over again, he stated. I do not think you want to take a risk of a delay, he added.

Mr. Carminucci stated the water line easements would have to be conveyed to the Water Authority and would have to remain separate from the trail easements.

Mr. Vopelak said the only place the Zim Smith Trail exists is where the County owns property. From Oak Street south, the County owns property. You have to ask permission where County owns easements on private property, he said.

Chairman Callanan mentioned that there may be a need to meet before next month's regular meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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