

WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Callanan; Supervisors Daly, A. Johnson, Sausville, Thompson, Wood, Gutheil; DeCerce; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Wes Carr, Project Coordinator; Mark Rider Co. Attorney; Andrea DiDomenico, Ass't. Co. Attorney; Dan Loewenstein, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.; Jack Lebowitz, Lemery Greisler; Wilma Koss, Ed Dweck, Saratoga Lake Association; Press

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order.

Ms. Daly moved to approve the minutes of the July 6th meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded. Unanimous.

Copies of Malcolm Pirnie's Water Treatment And Transmission Facilities Design August Progress Report were distributed, and Mr. Loewenstein reviewed its contents:

1. Raw Water Pump Station and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Design
 - a. The design for the Raw Water Pump Station and the WTP has been submitted to the NYS DOH for review and comment. NYS DOH comments anticipated to be received on August 7, 2006. He said they do not anticipate any issues coming forward from DOH.
 - b. Finalizing General Conditions for Saratoga County requirements with County Attorney and Purchasing Office.
 - c. Coordinating with National Grid for electrical service for the Raw Water Pump Station.
 - d. Reviewed final Pall Corporation shop drawings, except for certified pumps curves which require authorization to manufacture the equipment.
2. Transmission Main and Water Storage Tank:
 - a. Pipeline plan and profiles have been submitted to the NYS DOH for review and comment. NYS DOH comments anticipated to be received on August 7, 2006.
 - b. Continuing the preparation of the pipeline easement descriptions and maps.
3. Permitting:
 - a. Responded to comments submitted to USACE.
 - b. Finalized and submitted for review and comment the Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Plan for USACE and NYS DEC wetland impacts.
 - c. Completed review with USACE of the proposed Wetland Compensatory Mitigation.
 - d. Received Notice of Complete Application from the NYS DEC.

- e. Submitted Storm Water Prevention Plans (SWPP) required for Construction Storm Water General Permit compliance to NYS DEC. Received NYS DEC comments.
 - f. Draft FEIS submitted to Saratoga County Water Committee for review and comment.
 - g. Completed Phase IA archeology investigation at the proposed Wetland Compensatory Mitigation.
 - h. Preparing NYS DOT Highway Permits.
4. Planned Progress:
- a. Address comments by NYS DOH.
 - b. Completion of 1B archeology investigation at the proposed Wetland Compensatory Mitigation.
 - c. Complete revision of Draft EID incorporating public comments and submit to US EPA.
 - d. Finalize FEIS with Saratoga County comments.
 - e. Finish preparing easement descriptions and maps.

Mr. Lebowitz stated the FEIS includes responses made at the public hearing in March and those received in writing during the comment period. He said about 20 people spoke at the hearing, and about 20 comments were received in writing. He stated that Mr. Loewenstein and he made summaries of every comment. It is up to the Committee to say whether the comments are adequate, he said. He stated there were many good and interesting comments. Mr. Loewenstein said they categorized the comments by topic.

Chairman Callanan said all Committee members received a copy of this FEIS last Thursday. He said it seems in tact to him and that a splendid job was done on it. Ms. Daly commented she was appreciative of the fact past studies were brought in and the historical perspectives to help us totally understand. I feel that contributed a significant amount, she added.

Chairman Callanan said if this is approved today, it will start a 10-day public review of it. All 23 members of the Board will receive this document for review, he said. He said the resolution at Tuesday's Board Meeting to accept the FEIS will be tabled to a Board Meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

Mr. Lebowitz announced that the documents will be on the web site. Mr. Johnson asked if another public hearing was required, and Chairman Callanan said no. **Mr. Johnson moved to accept the FEIS. Mr. Thompson seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Callanan stated the first batch of letters about the easements have gone out to property owners. He said a resolution is required to go ahead and obtain the easements. **Ms. Daly moved to authorize taking the easements for the Water project. Mr. Wood seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Thompson moved to authorize Malcolm Pirnie to proceed with the next phase of the Water project including preparation and evaluation of bid documents at a cost not to exceed \$109,808. Ms. Daly seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Sausville asked what the time frame is for when the bid documents will be ready. Chairman Callanan stated mid-September. Mr. Loewenstein said they may be looking at opening bids in November. We will give more time to the treatment plant to be out to bid, he said. He said hopefully, construction may start in February of 2007. That is doable because the site of the treatment plant is sandy, he added. He said there are restrictions relative to the bald eagle and when the contractor can work on the raw water pumping site.

Chairman Callanan said we will request to table the resolutions pertaining to the water at next week's Board Meeting to an adjourned session of the Board to be held a week or so after that meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann