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IMA Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020
5:00 P.M.

On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., a quorum being present, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Albany/Saratoga Joint Regional Biosolids Board (JRBB) was held in the conference room at the Saratoga County Sewer District#1 Wastewater Treatment Plant (SCSD #1 WWTP) in Mechanicville, New York 12118.

Board members present at the meeting were:

Angelo Gaudio, Chair
Daniel Rourke, Vice-Chair
Dennis Rigosu, Director
George Cannon, Director
Wayne Howe, Director

Board members absent: John W. Bishop, Jr., Director

Also present:

Timothy S. Murphy, ACWPD
Tyler Masick, Superintendent of Operations ACWPD

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Angelo Gaudio

The following topics were discussed and/or acted upon:

- 1. Approval of the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. A motion was made by Director Cannon and seconded by Director Rigosu. No discussion. The minutes of January 16, 2019 were approved unanimously.

2. Acceptance of \$5M EFC WIIA Grant *(Action Item)

The Chair gave a brief summary on the \$5M EFC WIIA Grant. He informed the Board that the Regional Biosolids project was granted \$5M from the EFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation). Albany County has not sent in an acknowledgment letter yet. He had a telephone conversation with the EFC last week to discuss acceptance but he wanted to bring it to this Board first and go through the financing options. He said ACWPD felt the \$5M was the best option and they are still pursuing interest free hardship financing. A financial attachment was provided for reference showing financing alternatives. Director Cannon inquired if this precluded the IMA Grant. Chairman Gaudio said the IMG Grant was for \$10M and the WIIA Grant was for \$5M. The difference between the two (2) programs was the IMG Grant did not offer subsidized interest which made a big difference on the annual payment. Opting to go for the WII Grant for \$5M with subsidized interest saves us approximately \$200,000.00 on the annual payment. The WIIA grant also gives us the option of perusing a larger grant value down the road and may still allow the ability to qualify for hardship financing. Therefore, the consensus was to accept the \$5M WIIA Grant and the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Director Howe and seconded by Director Cannon to accept the \$5M WIIA Grant. Discussion involved clarification this motion is for this Board to accept the WIIA Grant that will eventually need to be accepted at the ACWPD and SCSD #1 Board levels. The Motion Passed unanimously.

Motion Votes: Director Rigosu – Aye
Director Cannon – Aye
Director Howe – Aye

3. Award Design Alternate #3 in the amount of \$200,000 for liquid sludge pumping from the ACWPD South Plant *(Action Item for 70% ACWPD / 30% SCSD #1 cost sharing)

The Chair informed the alternate #3 is for a force main design for the conveyance of sludge from the Albany County south plant to the Albany County north plant in Menands. The base concept was to dewater sludge at the south plant and truck it to the north plant where the cake would be received. The Chair stated looking at the scope of the design, ACWPD had Arcadis evaluate the pumping options and from an operations perspective there is good reason to move forward as there is a significant savings on the operations for both ACWPD and SCSD #1. Therefore ACWPD would like to pursue a force main option and move forward with the Alternate #3 Design. To clarify the overall project for the engineering, the Chair said everything was programmed into the contracts so this motion will allow Arcadis the authority to move forward with design.

In terms of the capital cost expenditure, Arcadis put together a comparison of the capital and to move forward with this and have it be equitable for both parties and have the capital be split 70% ACWPD / 30% SCSD #1 cost sharing. Vice Chair added this split was determined by the feasibility study for the project and in discussion it was agreed upon by both the Chair and Vice Chair. The 30% cost share equated to SCSD's original agreed upon capital expenditure for sludge hauling from the south plant.

The Chair entertained a motion to direct Arcadis to move forward with design and split the capital expenditure ACWPD 70% and SCSD #1 30% cost sharing for the Alternate #3 Design for liquid pumping from the ACWPD south Plant and amending any legal documentation thereto such as the IMA and Bond Resolution as needed in accordance with both ACWPD and SCSD #1 Attorney's offices.

A motion was made by Director Howe and seconded by Director Cannon. No discussion. The motion to split the capital expenditure ACWPD 70% and SCSD #1 30% cost sharing for the Alternate #3 Design for liquid pumping from the ACWPD south Plant and amending any legal documentation thereto such as the IMA and Bond Resolution as needed in accordance with both ACWPD and SCSD #1 Attorney's offices passed unanimously.

Motion Votes: Director Rigosu – Aye
Director Cannon – Aye
Director Howe – Aye

4. Project Update

The Chair reported Arcadis is scheduled to have design documents to ACWPD through this year and first part of next year by fall of 2021. Surveys and geoinformatics have been completed and there have been a series of workshops held specific to the receiving station. The Chair informed they are making good progress and some of the front end decisions have been trying to figure out back end with biosolids management.

The Chair said a workshop was held with Material Matters, the expert who did the market analysis. Out of that discussion they were pushing us toward a Class A product which would require us to do an additional process on the back or bring in a third party or proposed system on the backend which was not budgeted in the initial scope so right now the concept is to produce a Class B product. The Chair informed that the meeting with Material Matters indicated that there was more market availability for Class A material. However, the problem with that is we would have to pay a higher rate to have a third party install a system to get our process to a Class A level. Currently, ACWPD is looking into composting options where the Class B material can be taken to a composting facility to essentially produce a Class A product through that process. Vice Chair added that there is a very good market for composting in New York State. The Chair said they are still working on the back end but are making progress on it and there will be more news to share at the next meeting.

The Chair added he would like to move to quarterly meetings at a minimum if acceptable to the Board members. All agreed.

5. Application of the 2020 Erastus Corning 2nd Award for Inter-Municipal Cooperation under the category for Community and Regional Sustainability.


The Chair informed the Board that Tim Murphy was working applying for the 2020 Erastus Corning 2nd Award for Inter-Municipal Cooperation. The category is Community and Regional Sustainability. Mr. Murphy has submitted the application, there is no money tied to the award but it is good recognition for the project and it would be nice to receive the award.

The Chair requested that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Rigosu and seconded by Director Howe. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Gorman
Confidential Secretary/SCSD #1

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Albany/Saratoga; JRBB of Directors held on January 22, 2020, and whole therefore, that all items requiring Board Approval contained in the above minutes were approved by a quorum.

4/1/21
Date


VICE - Chair

2/19/20
Date Minutes Approved by Board