

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Engineering Committee Meeting

Minutes

April 9, 2015

Commissioner Greet, the Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. p.m.

Commissioner Greet read the statement on “Open Public Meetings Law”.

“In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the inclusion of the date, time and place in a Notice forwarded to The Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune and the Clerk of each of the eleven member municipalities on January 28, 2015 and again April 7, 2015.

If any member of this body believes that this meeting is being held in violation of the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your objection and the reasons for same at this time.”

.... Hearing no objections, we shall proceed with our regularly scheduled meeting.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Allen Chin	for the Town of Westfield
Mark P. Dugan	for the Township of Cranford
Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert B. LaCosta	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Richard J. LoForte	for the Borough of Kenilworth
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside
Scott L. Thompson	for the Township of Woodbridge

The following members were absent:

Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
Attilio S. Ventura	for the Borough of Roselle Park

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Joanne Grimes	Office Admin./Board Secretary
Dennis A. Estis, Esq.	General Counsel, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis
Howard Matteson, PE	Consulting Engineer, CDM Smith Inc.
Robert Valent	Superintendent
Anthony Gencarelli	Mgr. or Regulatory Compliance
John Buonocore	Staff Engineer
Dan Ward	Manager, Plant Maintenance
Andrew Sasso	Operations Manager

Contract #105F – Cogeneration Litigation

Counsel to discuss recent activity on this matter in Closed Session.

Contract #173 – Codigestion/Liquid Waste

The Request For Proposals for a Public Private Partnership to Design, Build and Administer a Liquid Waste Receiving Enterprise is almost finalized and is expected to be advertised on April 15, 2015.

Contract #175 – Digester Lids Replacement and Waste Gas Burner Improvements

CDM Smith, Inc. has been requested to provide a proposal to prepare an Asset Management Plan which is a requirement for the NJEIT Loan Financing for Contract #175. The proposal may be available by Thursday April 9th for discussion. Mr. Meehan noted that this is a requirement of the NJEIT related to the financing. He noted that the work will be performed under their Annual contract.

Contract #1523 – Furnish, Deliver & Install a Rotating Assembly Model CS21-4 2 PH

A bid was advertised in the Star Ledger and posted on the Authority's website. Three companies obtained bid specs, and on April 2, 2015 the following bid was received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Centrisys Corp. Kenosha, WI	\$214,000.00

Joanne Grimes, QPA, reviewed the bid, found it to be in order and recommends award to the sole bidder.

Contract #1524 – Rebuild of a Decanter Centrifuge Rotating Assembly

A bid was advertised in the Star Ledger and posted on the Authority's website. Three companies obtained bid specs, and on April 2, 2015 the following bid was received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Centrisys Corp. Kenosha, WI	\$57,000 / \$70,000 repair/replace Travel Rate \$800/day \$130.00/hr / \$160.00/hr OT

Joanne Grimes, QPA, reviewed the bid, found it to be in order and recommends award to the sole bidder.

Energy Resilience Bank (ERB)

Members of the Authority Staff met with representatives of the Energy Resilience Bank during the past month. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss existing projects and anticipated projects which the Authority is hoping to obtain funding for. This matter was discussed further

with the Commissioners during the meeting.

Mr. Matteson asked Mr. Meehan if the Authority would be able to comply with the HUD requirements. Mr. Meehan stated that he thought this was not a problem because of the Authority's service area demographics.

Monthly Reports

The Operations Report, Engineering Bills & Claims, Litigation Cost Report have been received and were distributed to the Commissioners.

Report of Consulting Engineer

CDM Smith submitted their monthly report covering their work activities for the month of March 2015.

A. Retainer Services

During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report and attended the March 2015 Board meeting.

B. Miscellaneous Engineering Services

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following as requested by RVSA:

- Coordinated with staff and Counsel regarding the development of the RFP for acceptance of food waste.
- Assisted the Authority in addressing requirements for the NJEIT Loan Application and made submission to NJEIT.

C. Biosolids Hauling and Reuse Contract Assistance

No activity during the period.

D. Digester Gas Treatment System Design – Construction Services

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Attended the Pre-Construction Meeting
- Performed Shop Drawing review, and provided input for Requests for Information (RFIs).

Costs during the period include other direct costs related to the Bid Phase Services

E. Digester Covers and Waste Gas Burner Replacement – Preliminary Design

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Finalized the drawings and specifications for submission to NJEIT.

Report of General Counsel

Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis submitted the following report covering the period from March 19 through April 9, 2015.

General**A. Flow Rights**

As of February 28, 2015, Clark had exceeded its flow rights 9 times, Cranford once, Scotch Plains six times, Springfield 15 times and Woodbridge 5 times. If this trend were to continue throughout the measuring year (November through October), Clark would end up with exceeding 27 times, Cranford 3 times, Scotch Plains 18 times, Springfield 45 times and Woodbridge 15 times. Since Mr. Meehan, Mr. Buonocore and I met with various town officials from Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield previously, perhaps meetings with Scotch Plains and possibly Woodbridge would be appropriate.

B. Treatment of Organic Waste

The ordinance to amend the Rules and Regulations had been finalized. A representative of the DEP's Bureau of Pretreatment has indicated that there probably is no need to amend the rules and regulations. A telephone conference was conducted with the DEP, Eric Sapir, David Roth, of my office and other RVSA staff, approximately 10 days ago. We will be sending a letter to the DEP memorializing what our intentions are and seeking a writing approving what we proposed without the need to amend once we get a proposal from the Authority. The Authority was again contacted by Mr. Hall seeking to have us join the lawsuit that he had commenced several months ago. After speaking with the General Counsel for NACWA, it was determined to follow its lead and not take any action at this time.

C. NJEIT Loan Application

I received communications from bond counsel, as well as Mr. Gencarelli. We are in the process of reviewing the documentation that was sent to me in order to be able to execute certain opinion letters that are required. It is my hope that these letters will be finalized within the next few days.

D. Local Contracts Law

I have further amended the indemnification provision which was being utilized in contracts entered into by the Authority.

E. OPRA
No change.

Co-Generation Facility

We will discuss this matter in closed session.

NJDEP v. Occidental Chemical

We are still waiting for Mr. Hak to complete the work for the insurance companies, notwithstanding Mr. Hak’s absolute promise that we would have this done by March 31st. I sent Mr. Hak another email on Tuesday, April 7, and I am waiting for his response.

Report of Litigation Counsel

No report.

Closed Session

Mr. Rachlin made a motion to go into closed session at 8:19 p.m. for discussion of Contract #105 and Caterpillar/Foley. The motion was seconded by Mr. LoForte and unanimously approved by those present. Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Venturo were absent.

Regular Order of Business

Mr. Furci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dugan, to return to the Regular Order of Business at 8:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. LaCosta, seconded by Mr. Dugan, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Chairman

Robert J. Materna

Robert J. Materna, Secretary-Treasurer

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