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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING # 443

October 11, 2005 12:13 PM

Members Present:

William Penn, V. Chairman
Frank Perry
William Stamp, III
June Swallow
Timothy Brown
Alicia Good*
Andrew Dzykewicz*
Jon Schock

Members Absent:

Daniel W. Varin, Chairman
Robert Griffith

*Member designee

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal
Kathleen Crawley
Thomas Walker
Brian Riggs
Beverly O'Keefe
Rob Christina
William Riverso
Elaine Maguire

Guests:

Pasquale DeLise, BCWA

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Vice Chair Penn called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Stamp made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Mr. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Schock noted that for the first time in quite a few months revenues were up. He then moved approval of the Chief Business Officer's Report. Mr. Brown seconded and the Board unanimously approved the Chief Business Officer's Report dated September 2005.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Vice Chairman Penn noted that Chairman Varin was vacationing in Venice. However, he had requested that Vice Chairman Penn read a Resolution of Appreciation to Thomas R. Walker, P.E., who would be retiring at the end of this week (10/14/05).

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mariscal explained that his report would be short. Over the last month, he's been trying to get settled and has been fortunate to meet with Ms. Maguire twice in the Management Area. Both sessions were interesting for different reasons: the first time, Mr. Mariscal chose the wrong thing for lunch; and the second time, he and Ms. Maguire had the pleasure of reacting to tear gas as the State Police used a building in the Management Area for a SWAT training.

Mr. Mariscal and Ms. Maguire met with DEM Enforcement staff out on the Amgen parking lot where some inappropriate material had been used rather than compost. This activity has stopped, but the investigations and discussions regarding clean up are on-going. Amgen is cooperating fully with these activities.

Mr. Mariscal noted that there had been meetings with USGS on the joint funding agreements. In the discussions, one activity that hasn't been initiated yet is an ecological study of the Big River Management Area with respect to the development of the well fields. He noted that at present, the Pawtuxet River Stream gage had been taken off-line due to a lack of funding. He added that since the Big River is part of the Pawtuxet River's watershed, he asked USGS to include the gage's operation in their proposal for the study of the Big River Area for this year. He is awaiting a proposal from the USGS. There had been a meeting scheduled regarding the river gages with the communities and with other affected agencies, but it was postponed and hopefully we'll be having that meeting soon to look at funding for the next year.

Mr. Mariscal explained that the members should have received a water issues summary paper he had submitted to Mr. McKay, Governor's Chief of Staff. Mr. Mariscal believes it will turn into a discussion point as we go forward on how we will try to turn these high priority issues into high priority projects with completion dates and schedules, etc. He has a meeting later this week with the Personnel Administrator Tony Bucci to discuss Mr. Walker's retirement as well as some desk audits that were requested by other staff of the agency. Also, there was a meeting last week at the Field Office with several state representatives, the Vice President of the Coventry Town Council and Mr. Perry to discuss in general local issues regarding the Big River Management Area. One item was that there would be a resurrection of the legislature's Joint Committee on Water Resources and also discussed was legislation that created a commission to evaluate the Kent County Water Authority. Mr. Mariscal explained that he had been told that he would be called to participate. He believed the meeting was positive and that everyone was very supportive of the Water Resources Board and he is looking forward to working with the legislature to address these activities.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS RESULTING

A. Finance Committee—Chair William Penn

- (1) North Tiverton Fire District Requisition #2 – Amount Billed: \$124,757.55; Recommended Payment: \$124,757.55. Request For Approval

Mr. Schock explained that this was a request for reimbursement for the interconnection between North Tiverton Fire District and the City of Fall River. The Finance Committee had reviewed and Mr. Schock moved approval with a second from Mr. Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Construction, Engineering and Operations Committee—Chair June Swallow

Ms. Swallow noted that this committee had not met.

C. Legislative Committee—Chair Daniel W. Varin

This committee did not meet.

D. Strategic Committee—Chair Daniel W. Varin

This committee had not met.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- (1) Shad Factory Briefing—Pasquale DeLise, Executive Direct, Bristol County Water Authority

Mr. DeLise explained that last week they had put the Shad pipeline back into operation. He explained that they are 90 percent done with repairs, some 25 leaks have been repaired, and 25 supports have been built. He continued that he had given a package to Mr. Walker; the cost is a little over \$100,000 and Mr. DeLise will be presenting the requisitions for that work. He added that this work had been approved by the Water Resources Board approximately one year ago for BCWA to do the repairs in-house.

Mr. Penn asked if this meant that the plant was now operating, and Mr. DeLise responded in the negative.

As for the new Shad pipeline, Mr. DeLise continued that he and Mr. Walker had met last week with Dewberry to discuss their plan, which BCWA believes is very good. Dewberry plans to submit a 30 percent design by January.

Vice Chairman Penn asked if the permitting process had begun and Mr. DeLise responded that this would begin soon. He explained that Dewberry was the firm hired by the Massachusetts DOT to inspect the bridges and that Dewberry has already inspected the bridge which is a potential crossing for the pipeline. The bridge has a utility base underneath it and Dewberry's structural division has already confirmed that the bridge will be able to handle the additional weight of the pipeline. That is one option they presented, the other is to use the existing underground tunnel, which involves bypassing the main route and using the existing tunnel. The idea is to be in the existing streets as much as possible, and to be in the local town streets (except for State Street) as much as possible too because that allows for lower building costs and street reconstruction once the pipe is installed. So, Dewberry has begun and there should be drawings for the Board to review in January.

Mr. Schock asked if there was water being conveyed through the existing Shad Factory pipeline and Mr. DeLise answered yes. Mr. DeLise further explained that the plant has been running for quite awhile, but it is just re-circulating water.

Mr. Mariscal asked if Mr. DeLise sees the Shad Factory Pipeline project as being one construction contract or broken into smaller contracts. Mr. DeLise stated that this was an issue discussed at length at last week's meeting. It was decided to consider the pros and cons. There would be a brainstorming meeting to discuss this issue: should it be one \$8 million contract or two \$4 million contracts or four \$2 million contracts?

9. RECESS OF BOARD FOR BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS

With no objection, Vice Chairman Penn recessed the Board for Board Corporate Business at 12:30 p.m.

10. RETURN FROM BOARD CORPORATE BUSINESS

At 12:51 p.m., the Board returned from Board Corporate business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Stamp, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Shields
Personnel Aide

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