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Executive Director



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:

Meeting of:	CEO Committee Meeting
Date:	December 17, 2008
Time:	9:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vincent J. Mesolella, NBC Chairman
Michael Salvatore, CEO Committee Chairman
Robert Andrade
Al Montanari
Leo Thompson
Richard Worrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jonathan Farnum
John MacQueen
Angelo Rotella

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Raymond J. Marshall, Executive Director
Rich Bernier, NBC
Thomas Uva, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
Terry Cote, NBC
Paul Nordstrom, NBC
Lori J. Vernon, NBC
Cecile Cardente, NBC
Dan Smith, NBC
Deborah Samson, NBC
Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
Joanne Maceroni, NBC
Laurie Horridge, NBC

Karen Musumeci, NBC

1. Call to Order

Recognizing a quorum, Chairman Salvadore called the December 17, 2008 Construction/Engineering/Operations (CEO) Committee Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2008 CEO Committee

Chairman Salvadore asked for a motion to approve the October 22, 2008 CEO Committee Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Andrade moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 CEO Committee as written. Commissioner Montanari seconded the motion. The vote taken by the CEO Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

3. Items for Action

- A. Review and Approval of Resolution 2008:32**, Authorization to Increase the Amount of Contract 07:303.01D with the Louis Berger Group, Inc., for Design Services for Phase II Combined Sewer Overflow Control Facilities

Executive Director Raymond Marshall advised the Committee Members that Resolution 2008:32 would not be heard at this meeting it will be moved to the January 2009 agenda.

- B. Review and Approval of Resolution 2008:33**, Authorization to Increase the Amount of Contract 06:109.1D with SEA Consultants for Design Services for BNR Facilities and Other Improvements to the Field’s Point WWTF

Executive Director Raymond Marshall stated this is a Biological Nutrient Contract that NBC has been working on for a couple of years. Over the years several items of work have been added to this contract including the new Operations Building which will be located on the corner where the ash tanks are presently located. In addition, there will be improvements and replacement to a number of our mechanical equipment systems most of which is in the 20 plus year old range and has been identified as a result of the Asset Management Program. In February 2008, a Board Resolution brought our current authorization for design up to \$ 3.2 million. We have added a number of tasks as mentioned the Operations Building, mechanical equipment and tasks within the BNR project itself that total \$ 567,000 of additional design work that is needed. The memo attached to the Resolution breaks down what tasks are related to BNR, (20 new tasks totaling \$ 255,000), Operations Building, (7 new tasks totaling \$227,000) and mechanical equipment,(10 new tasks totaling \$ 85,000). The combined total of these tasks would add \$ 567,000 to SEA’s contract. In addition the engineering staff requests that \$ 56,000 of contingency be authorized to allow staff to act quickly should any additional work be needed, bringing the total authorization to \$ 623,000.

Mr. Marshall noted that this contract, which is in the \$70 million dollars range for construction, is one that NBC would hope to put into the mix for any type of an economic recovery package being discussed in Washington. Water and wastewater projects will be part of a group of infrastructure projects that will become eligible. One of the main conditions to receive a grant/loan would be that the project must be under construction within 120 days of receiving the grant/loan offer. This particular project is in great shape to meet those requirements as long as NBC continues to push forward to complete the final design.

Mr. Marshall requests the Committee's approval on Resolution 2008:33 in order to keep this project moving forward. The increase of \$ 623,000 would bring the total contract to \$ 3,823,000.

Commissioner Leo Thompson motioned to approve Resolution 2008:33, Authorization to Increase the Amount of Contract 06:109.1D with SEA Consultants for Design Services for BNR Facilities and Other Improvements to the Field's Point WWTF. Commissioners Montanari and Andrade seconded the motion and the vote taken by the CEO Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

C. Review and Approval of Resolution 2008:34, Authorization to Enter into Contract 09:304.61, North Providence Inflow Study

Mr. Marshall stated that NBC has been studying its interceptor system for several years trying to determine what the flows are at various points in the system and how much of that flow should be in the system. He noted that excess flows, many times come from wet weather conditions. He advised that NBC has been able to identify sections of North Providence where quite a bit of storm water flow is making its way into the system. The proposed project would involve hiring a sub-contractor to perform smoke testing on the sewers in North Providence. The testing would identify properties that have roof leaders, storm drains, etc. tied in the sewage system so they may be removed or redirected.

He stated that the EPA has issued an Administrative Order to NBC and the Town of North Providence to address a specific area of North Providence and this project is an off shoot of that Order. Mr. Marshall advised that the problem is occurring fairly far down in the system and NBC believes that part of the problem results from extraneous illegal flow further up in the system, almost exclusively in the Town of North Providence.

NBC went out for RFP and 3 proposals were received. All three firms are qualified and are using the same sub-contractor for smoke testing, Flow Assessment Services and, all are charging the same per linear foot for smoke testing. The firm of Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. submitted the lowest price for the work and is the recommended firm.

Mr. Marshall requests Committee's approval of Resolution 2008:34 to award the contract to Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$ 221,000 which includes a 10% contingency in case there is additional pipe that needs to be tested that was not included in the original scope.

Commissioner Andrade asked who might be tying the storm water flow into the sewer system. Mr. Marshall advised that it could be anyone from homeowners who have tied their roof leaders or sump pumps into their sewer pipe to property developers tying catch basins into the sewer system instead of a separate storm drain.

Commissioner Montanari asked the location in North Providence that was the subject of the EPA Order. Mr. Marshall stated that it is an apartment complex on Warren Avenue. After some discussion between the Commissioners and Laurie Horridge Bissonette regarding the EPA Order Executive Director Raymond Marshall stated the crux of the problem results from condominiums built back in the 80's. In one particular building there was only supposed to be four units with no units located in the basement, but two units were built in the basement. This is where the problem is occurring because the units are not much above the elevation of the sewer line, it's very shallow and permits extra water to back up into the units. NBC has helped the Town over the years at this location even though this is not NBC's pipe that backs up.

Chairman Mesolella stated EPA through an Administrative Order is trying to force us to correct a town issue which clearly amounts to an illegal connection however he feels it is incumbent upon NBC to do whatever needs to be done to respond to the AO but noted that as far as the corrective work it is a completely different issue.

Laurie Horridge Bissonette advised the Committee members that NBC has had several conversations with the EPA regarding this matter and they are aware of NBC's position that we are not the responsible party.

Chairman Mesolella advised that he thinks NBC needs to go through this process to demonstrate that NBC is not the cause of the problem.

Commissioner Thompson motioned to approve Resolution to 2008:34, Authorization to Enter into Contract 09:304.61, North Providence Inflow Study, Commissioner Andrade seconded the motion and the vote taken by the CEO Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mesolella, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and the CEO Committee meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Marshall, P.E.
Executive Director/Secretary