



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:

Meeting of:	CEO Committee Meeting
Date:	March 11, 2009
Time:	9:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vincent J. Mesolella, NBC Chairman
Michael Salvatore, CEO Chairman
Robert Andrade
John MacQueen
Leo Thompson
Richard Worrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jonathan Farnum
Al Montanari

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Raymond J. Marshall, Executive Director
Rich Bernier, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
Paul Nordstrom, NBC
Deborah Samson, NBC
Mark Thomas, NBC
Thomas Uva, NBC
Jamie Samons, NBC
Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
Karen Musumeci, NBC
Laurie Horridge, NBC
Jennifer Harrington, NBC

1. Call to Order

Recognizing a quorum, Chairman Salvatore called the March 11, 2009 Construction/Engineering/Operations (CEO) Committee Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2009 CEO Committee

Chairman Salvadore asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2009 CEO Committee Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Rotella moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 CEO Committee as written. Commissioner MacQueen 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 2009:05, Award of Contract 109.01 RS- Construction Related Services for Fields Point WWTF Biological Nitrogen Removal Upgrade Construction Contract 109.01C

Raymond Marshall stated the item before the Committee this morning is for a project that has been discussed for many years and is now ready to go out to bid. The job will be advertised beginning March 18, bids will be opened May 21 and we will be back before this Committee for approval of the actual construction bid at the June meeting. This item is for the engineering services related to the construction activities. It includes technical support which involves shop drawing review, developing the O & M manual, start up training assistance during the first year, electrical inspections of the building, the Green LEEDS certification of the building, as well as answering questions on the plans and specs during the bidding period.

Mr. Marshall stated that the project has been awarded to SEA who has been the design engineer. In accordance with NBC's procurement regulations the firm hired at the beginning of project may be retained through design and construction engineering as long as they perform well each step of the way which SEA has done. SEA's submission has been reviewed by Richard Bernier in regard to the scope of work and the hours proposed. Mr. Bernier has found the proposal to be reasonable for the services that will be provided therefore we ask your approval of Resolution 2009:05.

Commissioner Burroughs asked what the nitrogen removal goals will be and how that relates to other issues that the Commission faces.

Mr. Marshall stated the design is to meet the five milligram per liter seasonal limit that DEM has imposed on NBC both at Field's Point and Bucklin Point. The contract before the Committee today is just for the Field's Point Project. He advised that when we actually place this project into operation, sometime in late 2013 or 2014 that will be the level of removal we are working to achieve as part of a consent agreement that was signed in 2006 with DEM.

Commissioner Burroughs stated that his review of the material associated with the project indicated construction costs were estimated to be around \$85 million.

Mr. Marshall advised that the estimated construction cost at this point is \$75 million as stated in the Memorandum.

Commissioner Burroughs stated the reason for his inquiry is that he was reviewing some DEM documents from 2005 and they indicate much lower prices in the range he believed of \$46 million but noted the documents were not clear if it was for both Field's and Bucklin Point or just Field's Point.

Mr. Marshall advised that the cost was for just Field's Point. He stated in regards to the 2005 estimate, in part time has passed, and when you develop a design many times you find that the project is more complicated than expected. The contract before the Committee today in addition to the biological nitrogen removal includes a number of improvements that we have identified as part of our Asset Management Program. We know that we have pumping systems, piping, valves, gates and items of that nature which will need to be replaced in the next several years. Being that the plant is over 20 years old and in the name of efficiency and reliability we decided to put these items into this contract because upon completion of all the work we will essentially have a brand new plant ready to move forward for the next 10 to 20 years.

Mr. Marshall noted that we are still required to meet our permit while under construction. By including the additional work items now we can use one contractor as opposed to several contractors resulting in less disruption to our operations. We also have a new operations building that was not part of the original scope of work going back 7 or 8 years which is where that \$46 million dollar number is anchored.

Commissioner Burroughs asked if given the readiness of this project would there be opportunities with infrastructure funding.

Mr. Marshall stated there are opportunities however we don't know if the opportunities will be to the level we were hoping it would be. There is only about \$26 million dollars coming into the State for wastewater in its entirety. Of that some of the funds will be allocated to green projects. We have a few ideas on how we can access some of that money however we were hoping there would have been a lot more money coming into the State for this type of work. He noted that whatever the State does receive we will be in line for some of the money for this project and that he would keep the Commissioners updated as to how much we will receive.

With no further questions Commissioner MacQueen to approve Resolution 2009:05, Award of Contract 109.01RS-Construction Related Services for Fields Point WWTF Biological Nitrogen Removal Upgrade Construction Contract 109.01C. Commissioner Rotella 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 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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