



DRAFT Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

3:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 3:33 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Rader, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2022-2065 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the August 16, 2022, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Patrick

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Terry

2022-2067 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the August 17, 2022, Special Called Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Terry**

III. DISCUSSION

Retention Pond Maintenance

-presentation provided by Director Lemke

-Question LCJ: are we seeing the ponds only maintained by the County?

R Lemke: yes that's correct

-Question LCJ: it's important that we educate people and give them resources regarding responsibility. Is there anywhere people in the County can go to see this map?

R Lemke: I'm sure we can make that map available; I do not believe it is readily available online

-LCJ: if we could digitize this and place this where appropriate, and make all the Commissioners aware. This would be a first line of defense to inform people on where the ponds are.

-Question RP: there are a lot of stormwater conveyance pipes in the County where single family homeowners may have damage to their properties if there is not a solution to address maintenance on those conveyances.

-LCJ: I agree; those pipes would be something the County would be responsible for

R Lemke: you are correct in that each is considered on an individual basis regarding maintenance and issues identified. Additional information provided by Director Lemke

-LCJ: let's move forward on digitizing this map for our ponds. This is a way to empower people so they know what's going on

-Question TT: regarding the material or type of pipe, what is the preference in terms of future stormwater pipes?

R Lemke: the ones with greater life expectancy are reinforced concrete pipes

-Question TT: of the ponds identified, how many are the extraordinary ponds that are expensive to maintain?

R Lemke: I can get that information to you at a later time; additional information provided by Director Lemke

-Question TT: we should think of this an opportunity to create more biodiversity in the community. How can we do a more sustainable maintenance plan? Let's also assess whether a nearby neighborhood has a preference, or an a la carte maintenance options. We should be leaning more toward the biodiversity route

Z Williams: excellent points Commissioner. With the assistance of Jacobs and other professionals that could bring a vantage point, we could consider ways to preserve the desires of the neighborhoods. The effort that we have put forward by bringing in outside contractors will bring in more voices and an outside perspective to what we are doing

-Question TT: in terms of inventory, is it true that most retention ponds done by the private are done by the owners?

R Lemke: generally that's correct

-Question RP: what's the distinction between a dam and a pond?

-response provided by Director Lemke

-LCJ: I would ask that we digitize the ponds maintained by the County; also if we could color-code it

-Question LCJ: is there a list of the catch basins?

R Lemke: we would have a list yes

Stormwater Utility Fee Structure

-presentation provided by Director Lemke

-Question LCJ: do you believe we're in a good position to continue servicing these issues as they arrive, or do you believe we will need more funding? Is the stormwater master plan to be completed next year?

R Lemke: we anticipate that it will be completed next year. Additional information provided by Director Lemke

-Question LCJ: COO Williams could you address the funding available at the federal level?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question TT: at some point could I get some history on the 2016-2021 revenue data in this presentation?

Z Williams: TJ and I will be happy to walk you through that

-Question LCJ: is the shifting infrastructure we are seeing due to rainfall?

-R Lemke: in some cases it is due to rainfall and deteriorating infrastructure; that's the gist of it

-Question LJ: if this is connected to the Consent Decree, why is it separate?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: are there any additional funds at the federal level that the Administration may be aware of, that we can tap into?

Z Williams: to use your analogy, there is a "pot of gold" that we currently have. When we come forward with a ARP appropriation it will have a stormwater contribution for what we are looking to receive. We are reviewing the Infrastructure bill as well. Anticipate in the next few weeks a recommendation from the Administration that reflects that commitment in stormwater and infrastructure.

-LJ: we have to get some help to the property owners as well and get them some relief. This will be a way to do it with the Stormwater

-Question TT: the tax bills have been mailed, so it's too late to do a fee increase this year right?

Z Williams: I don't think it would be practical this year, correct. I would not anticipate a fee increase this year. We need to ensure we know how the money will be spent, how we have identified deficiencies, etc.

-Question LCJ: it would be nice if I could receive a breakout of exactly where the ARP funds are, so that we can better understand where ARP funds are embedded in the current budget

-Question RP: is it possible that EHOST could provide a supplement to the Stormwater fee? Is that allowable?

Z Williams: I'm not sure; currently EHOST is applied to General and Hospital. We'll take a look

-Question TT: in the proposed midyear budget there is a decrease of \$600,000 in the Stormwater projected revenue. There are emergency things that neighbors identify and that we are aware of. Telling them to wait until the master plans are done are not enough. What are some stormwater projects that we need to fix right now? Can we identify them as emergency operations?

-response provided by COO Williams

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items:

2022-1812

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 22-101493 Chlorine Gas, Sodium Hydroxide, Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bicarbonate (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing chemicals to treat drinking water for DeKalb County residents. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Brentagg Mid-South Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$5,321,808.00

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Terry**

-this agenda item has been supported by OIIA audit review

New Agenda Items:

2022-1983

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 21-101438 Ductile Iron Water Pipe (Three (3)
Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Watershed
Management (DWM). Consists of providing ductile iron water pipe.
Recommend award to the sole bidder who is responsive and
responsible: Ferguson Waterworks. Amount Not To Exceed:
\$19,500,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry,
that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt
of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due
back on 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Terry**

-This agenda item is currently OIIA audit review

-Question LCJ: is this time sensitive?

*D Hayes: while it's not extremely time sensitive, it will start to receive more emergency as we push it down the road. Reason
being this is a commodity that is difficult to get and has long lead times*

-Question RP: do we have supply to handle the current projects?

D Hayes: no sir we're not at the point to where the 18-20 month lead time will affect those projects

-RP: based on the realities of the market, I'm flexible

-additional information provided by Director Hayes

-Question TT: to clarify, in the bid tabulation document, this was the sole bidder?

M Butler: yes Commissioner

-Question TT: why is there information in red on the sheet?

-response provided by Michelle Butler

-additional information provided by Director Campbell

*-Question LCJ: I will support what the committee would like to do, whether you would like to move it forward pending audit,
and if changes are needed there could be a substitute*

-TT: motion to approve pending audit review

Meeting Ended At: 4:58 PM

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC