

Muskegon County
Board of Public Works
October 9, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
990 Terrace Street
Muskegon, MI 49442

Terry Sabo, Chair

Benjamin Cross, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cross at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Muskegon County Commissioner
Marvin Engle, Muskegon County Commissioner
Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner
Charles Nash, Muskegon County Commissioner
Robert Scolnik, Muskegon County Commissioner
Rillastine Wilkins, Muskegon County Commissioner
Brenda Moore, Drain Commissioner

Excused: Terry Sabo, Muskegon County Commissioner
Kim Arter, Ex-officio Member
Doug Kadzban, Ex-officio Member

Absent:

Staff

Present: John Warner, Public Works Director
Mark Eisenbarth, Wastewater Director
Doug Hughes, Corporate Counsel
Tina Nash, DPW Departmental Clerk
Ken Mahoney, Muskegon County Board of Commissioner Chair
Jim Elwell, Interim County Administrator

BPW-14-073 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-074 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 11, 2014.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BPW-14-075 – Authorize the Public Works Board Chair to approve Prein & Newhof to proceed with the design and construction services for all five projects, all in the amount not-to-exceed \$398,900.00.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Drain Commissioner Moore, to approve Prein & Newhof to proceed with the design and construction services for all five projects (Metro Pump Station #3, Metro Cell #2, Montague Pump Station, Keating Lift Station - Generator and Pump Station D - Bypass Pump), all in the amount of not-to-exceed \$398,900.00.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-076 – Award bid RFB 14-2148.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to award the bid for the Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer System for the Wastewater System per the specifications in RFB 14-2148 to Agilent Technologies in the amount of \$81,094.30

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-077 – Authorize Wastewater Staff to advertise for bids the budgeted chemicals and petroleum products for FY2015.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Nash, to authorize Wastewater Staff to advertise for bids the budgeted chemicals and petroleum products for FY2015.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-078 – Waive the bidding process for FY2015 for Wastewater System for the purchase of alfalfa, corn and soybean seed.

Moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Engle, to waive the County bidding process for FY2015 for the Wastewater System for the purchase of alfalfa, corn and soybean seed.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-079 – Approve Solid Waste to purchase a CAT 329 excavator through the MIDeal program for a cost of \$294,195.00.

Moved by Commissioner Engle, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to purchase a CAT 329 excavator through the MIDeal program for a cost of \$294,195.00 with the costs being paid from the Solid Waste Fund 5710-0526.

VOICE VOTE:

Motion carried

BPW-14-080 – Informational Items:

Moved by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, that the following information items be received and placed on file:

1. Public Works Monthly Operations Report, September 2014.
2. Wastewater Monthly Operating Report, September 2014.

Mr. Eisenbarth introduced Scott Decker, President of Alternative Energy Solutions. Mr. Decker spoke of the algae project that took place at the Wastewater site and explained the process of collecting the algae. Mr. Decker stated this was a test run on the collection process. The hope for the future is to harvest the algae and find several end products.

Commissioner Scolnik asked Mr. Eisenbarth if there were uses for the sludge that builds in the bottom of the lagoons at the Wastewater site. Mr. Eisenbarth stated the sludge is used as a cover at the landfill.

Mr. Eisenbarth handed out a news press release regarding the Muskegon County Wastewater Management System being a finalist for the Wildlife Habitat Council's Rookie of the Year Award. Mr. Eisenbarth stated that they made the top three and they have a good chance of winning this award. Mr. Eisenbarth credited Anita Friend for her leadership and the volunteers for making this possible.

Drain Commissioner Moore stated she has order 5,000 native perennials plugs and several hundred trees to help with soil erosion and help stabilize some of the drains at Wastewater and is looking forward to working with Ms. Friend and Mr. Eisenbarth.

OLD BUSINESS

Drain Commissioner Moore asked Mr. Eisenbarth to explain what a VFD addition is for cell #2. Mr. Eisenbarth explained that it stands for Variable Frequency Drive and that this helps to control how fast the motor runs and saves energy due to the controlled run times.

Commissioner Nash asked about the wind turbine project. Mr. Eisenbarth stated that there is still a couple of years remaining on the contract and interest for the project is still there and data is still being recorded. Mr. Eisenbarth also informed the Board they are also looking into other energy sources such as solar and water.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hughes informed the Board that she attended a meeting at the GVSU Annis Water Research Institute hosted by WMSRDC. They are starting a project with NOAA called Habitat Blueprint and Muskegon has been chosen as one of two places in the region. They will be working in the Muskegon area on habitat issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON A NEW ITEM

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Benjamin Cross, Vice-Chair