

BOARD OF WATERWORKS COMMISSIONERS - 3: 30 PM - (Monday, March 15, 2021)Generated by Joe Trueblood on Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Members present:

Gerald Van De Kreeke, Mark Smith, Tom Howe (all remotely)

Staff present:

Superintendent Joe Trueblood (remote)

1. OPENING OF MEETINGPresident Van De Kreeke called the meeting to order at 3: 31 P.M.

1.1 Pledge of AllegianceAll present honored the flag of the United States of America.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Approval of minutes from the February 15, 2021 meetingCommissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Financial reportsSuperintendent reviewed the financial reports for February.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the reports as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Superintendent's report including operations, construction-maintenance, and customer relations/fiscalSuperintendent reviewed the reports prepared by the departmental supervisors.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to approve the reports as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY HELD OVER FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION 4,1 Raw Water Improvements project Superintendent noted that Utility staff, the engineering consultants, and Department of Public Works staff members had a meeting to discuss the RWI impact on the disc golf course at Vollrath Park.

Mr. Weld also participated in the meeting on behalf of users of the course.

RWI would only directly impact one hole along the lakefront, but relocating this hole would likely impact other holes.

So there was discussion about the need to have a consultant redesign a portion of the course to accommodate this impact.

Superintendent also noted that the 60 % design point has been reached, and many details are now resolved.

A new construction cost estimate should be available before the next Board meeting.

Superintendent also noted that a draft of the Construction Authorization document has been completed and will be submitted along with the 60 % design drawings to WI PSC.

The Utility anticipates a 9 month review process at WI PSC.

In addition, the Utility continues communicating with WI Emergency Management about possible application of the entire RWI project for a FEMA BRIC grant, but some red flags have come up that indicate the project might not qualify based on the benefit analysis.

Superintendent stated his desire to keep making progress to determine whether or not the project would qualify because FEMA BRIC would impact the construction timeline.

In other news, Superintendent noted that no follow-up comments were received following the public presentation on the project and a local press article on the project.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5.1 Request approval of bid on Georgia Ave water main project Superintendent reviewed a bid tab from the engineering department for water main replacement on Georgia Avenue from S. 8 th Street to S. 14 th Street.

This project was bid with the Public Works Department for efficiency and coordination.

The overall low bid was from Vinton Construction.

The bid for the water main replacement work was \$788,039.00 for 3,110 LF of 12 " PVC water main along with appurtenances.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to accept the bid from Vinton Construction for the water main replacement.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Request approval of bid on Georgia Ave lead service line replacements project Superintendent noted that because the Utility would be using WDNR grant monies for lead service line replacements, federal law requires the lead service line work to be bid separately from other work.

In this case approximately 62 lead service lines will be replaced in conjunction with the water main replacement project.

Bids were received as follows:

Allfson Excavating LLC at \$369,080.00 ;

Five Star Energy Services LLC at \$392,900.00 ;

Edgewater Plumbing at \$375, 864.00 ;

Korf Plumbing at \$388,066.00 ; and Mid City Corp at \$533,950.00.

There was discussion about new bidders' interest in lead service line replacement work.

Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the low bid from Allfson Excavating LLC.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Request approval of bid for 2021 hydrant painting Distribution Supervisor McMillan had delayed painting of fire hydrants during 2020 due to revenue concerns during the pandemic.

However, the Utility is ready to continue the painting program with a target of 200 fire hydrants for 2021.

Ferguson maintained their bid price of 2020 at \$90 per hydrant.

Commissioner Howe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Van De Kreeke, to accept Ferguson's proposal

Motion carried unanimously.

5.4 Request approval of proposal for engineering design on Indiana Ave water main project The Utility became aware of WI DOT's plan to rebuild Indiana Avenue east of S. Taylor Drive.

In that area, the Utility has maintained older 8 " water main that serves as a feeder to Lutheran high school and a backup to the UW campus area and new hospital location.

In addition, existing water main is extremely deep.

So the Utility seeks to replace the old 8 " water main from S. 24 th Street

to S. Taylor Drive.

In order to comply with WI DOT specifications, Distribution Supervisor McMillan requested a proposal from Strand

to design the water main replacement.

Strand would complete all necessary work in compliance with WI DOT standards for a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to accept the

proposal from Strand Associates.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Request approval of purchase of water metersThe Board reviewed a purchase request for 504 M 25 Badger meters, 10 M 70 3 " Badger meters, and associated supplies for a cost of \$47,082.60.

Commissioner Van De Kreeke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the purchase.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. PERSONNELNone

7. NEXT MEETING

7.1 Next meeting will take place on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3: 30 PM.

8. ADJOURN

8.1 Motion to AdjournCommissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Howe, to adjourn the meeting at 4: 13 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.