



COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

March 10th, 2020 – 9:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Kenny Schutte (Excused)

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Consultant Doyle Palmer

Guests: Michelle Bly – TD&H
Marty Gergen – TD&H

Called to order at 9.00am

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the Minutes for the 2/24/2020 meetings, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve Vouchers, D. Vietzke second the motion and it was passed.

TD&H presented a full scale and a reduced scale cost estimate for the Water Storage Project as well as the proposed breakdown of initial cash outlay, grant, and loans for the full-scale option. A USDA loan would be for 40 years at 2.5% interest. There was discussion of reducing the project to only a 1 or 1.5-million-gallon reservoir with the ability to expand in the future. The project needs to be smaller, easily expandable and more affordable. M. Bly will work with RD on more scaled backed scenarios and possibilities on project funding. There is a belief that there is a lot of 12-inch pipe already installed. M. Gergen would like to verify that and will contact the City and Fire Department to find out the recommended storage capacity. C. Faix asked about clarification on what USDA would consider a full project for maximum funding. M. Bly explained that it is not the size of the project, but is more based on what can be afforded. She also explained that there are more funding options, but they are based on violation mitigation, therefore RD is our best option. If the project was made expandable, there is a chance USDA will not loan the money because it was not the full-scale project. In order to run new water scenarios, it would cost between \$5000 and \$7500. G. Weaver made a motion that up to \$5000 be approved for TD&H to create new water scenarios, D. Vietzke second and motion passed. It was also requested that any further changes to the project be brought to the commissioners. TD&H will return on March 31st, 2020 with updates.

C. Faix presented the contract agreement for the CARB loan for review.

The new leaser for FU 181/182 worked on the motors for the wheel lines. One was able to be repaired and is in working order. There were also damages to some of the wheel line pipes. Port of Othello agreed to replace both the damaged pipes and wheel line motor as they belong to Port of Othello.

D. Palmer was able to explain the payment made to Schmidt Farms in 2014 for the Electricity for Pump.

The City has suggested the Port of Othello hire a consultant. It was suggested to continue talking to the City about the Soccer Complex.

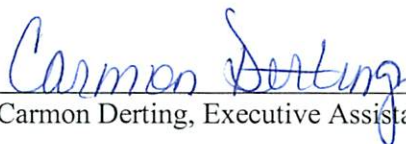
With no further business to come before the commissioners, meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

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Deena Vietzke, Chairwoman

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant

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Gary Weaver