

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
OF THE DuPAGE WATER COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
600 EAST BUTTERFIELD ROAD
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Committee members in attendance: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Committee members absent: F. Saverino

Also in attendance: C. Bostick, E. Kazmierczak, T. McGhee, J. Schori, and M. Weed.

After Commissioner Furstenau noted an error in his title in the last paragraph of the minutes Commissioner Furstenau moved to approve the revised Minutes of the January 15, 2014 Engineering & Construction Committee Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Scheck and passed as follows:

Ayes: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: F. Saverino

In order to get to the action items on the agenda in the shortened time constraints of the Committee meeting, Facilities Construction Supervisor Bostick provided a brief oral report on highlights the Status of Operations report. No comments or questions were made regarding the report.

Regarding R-2-15, Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick advised the Committee the proposed work is in continuation of a previous project to repair and modify electrical service panels in several metering stations to bring the facilities up to current electrical codes. Commissioner Furstenau inquired as to the differential in proposals by the QRE contractors, which Operations Manager McGhee replied that the low bidder also had previously performed the same work tasks at the other metering stations and most likely was in a better position to know the actual costs involved.

Commissioner Furstenau moved to recommend approval of R-2-15. Seconded by Commissioner Scheck and passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: F. Saverino

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Regarding R-3-15, Chairman Loftus remarked that the resolution and Request For Board Action was delivered to the Committee today and a copy is found before each Member. Regarding the bid process Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick recapped the information contained in the RFBA; specifically the reasoning behind the designation of the two lowest bids as non-responsive and the difference between the Engineer's estimate and the actual bids received. Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick advised the Committee that upon investigation by Staff, there were several reasons as to the differential between the estimate and the range of bids received; a primary reason may be the changes in the specified coating systems; the estimate contained a more common paint system where the specifications were modified to add a more durable system which fights mold common to our tank sites. Although the specified system is more costly, it is anticipated the coatings will last an additional five years or more; another primary reason is having two tanks painted within the same contract period and thereby possibly increasing the labor costs by adding manpower and equipment for longer periods of the day to complete the contract on time. Additionally, costs associated with Fall Protection and provisions for a tank water temperature monitoring system were not part of the original Engineer's estimate.

Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick further advised, two identical volume standpipes were recently bid for the City of Evanston using the identical coating system. The average bid received for the Evanston project was \$3,206,000.00 which is in line with the bids received for the subject Commission standpipes in the SS-6/15 Contract under consideration here. Chairman Loftus opened up the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Furstenau indicated that all of his questions had previously been answered by General Manager Spatz prior to the Committee meeting. Commissioner Scheck stated that he had done some investigation on his own into the qualifications of the bidder's and remarked that the third lowest bidder appeared to be the most qualified of the three and the recommendation to award to Era-Valdivia was the correct recommendation.

Commission Chairman Zay relayed his concerns regarding the engineering estimate for this project. He also discussed his concerns with the General Manager.

Chairman Loftus thanked all for their comments, thanked Staff for putting together the RFBA with the details and added that perhaps the bid documents could be improved in the future.

Commissioner Furstenau moved to recommend approval of R-3-15. Seconded by Commissioner Scheck and passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: F. Saverino

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Regarding the RFBA for the Change Order to QRE-6/12 Work Authorization Order WAO-6.016, Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick advised the time extension is being requested for this non-emergency work due to frost conditions on the reservoir roof. Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick further explained that the electrical work is necessary preparation for the reservoir hatch and vent replacements currently out for bids which bidding had been delayed. Chairman Loftus inquired as to the root cause of the delays to which Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick advised there had been coordinating issues between the Engineer, Staff and the IEPA regarding curb height and the guiding regulations.

Commissioner Furstenau moved to recommend approval of the RFBA Change Order for QRE-6/12 WAO-6.016. Seconded by Commissioner Scheck and passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: F. Saverino

Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick informed the Committee that the General Manager may be coming forth next month to suggest providing the General Manager some leeway in the purchasing policy specific to labor and materials for the emergency generation system. Chairman Loftus inquired as to if the Administration Committee has reviewed the request. Facility Construction Supervisor Bostick advised that he had no additional knowledge or information to share other than the notice provided.

Committee Chairman Loftus inquired with the Committee if any other business or items are to be discussed. Hearing none, Commission Chairman Furstenau moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Commission Chairman Zay and passed unanimously as follows:

Ayes: D. Loftus, R. Furstenau, M. Scheck and J. Zay

Nays: None

Absent: F. Saverino