

WLSD Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010 @ 3:00 pm
Minutes

Attending: Ray Turri, Chip Roraback, Jim Mersfelder, Bob Goldfeld, Charlie Ekstrom, Ken Green and Paul Dombrowski of Woodard & Curran

1. Feedback from the October 2nd Community Meeting

There were more than 50 people attending the meeting and feedback was generally positive. People indicated there was a lot of new information presented and a number expressed concern about the size of the numbers and their personal financial impact. Jim Hiltz, Ken O'Hare, Norm Himes and Bob Goldfeld were sufficiently impacted by the presentation that they have volunteered their services to the district. We will try to schedule future public meetings to encourage greater attendance including coordinating with WLPOA.

2. Follow-up discussion on letter to DEP

Our letter was sent October 13 to Paul Stacey who responded with a short email. Stacey indicated the DEP will be responding to our letter and W&C will follow-up with the DEP over the course of the next week to test the temperature. Paul believes the DEP will need to issue a new ground water permit to WLSD and that it is unlikely the DEP will issue a new permit (assuming we get our waste water in the ground) without improvements to our plant to remove nitrogen and phosphorous. There was a long discussion about the DEP's desire to have best available technology applied to the plant and WLSD's desire to have fair and comparable standards applied (relative to other WPCAs). W&C will research the specific levels of nutrient removal in other WPCAs (and in DEP regulation and guidance documents) so that WLSD can establish its own position. It was generally agreed that WLSD should have a strategy that starts from a different point than the DEP's best available technology.

3. Summary of Paul's Plant visit with Charlie Ekstrom

Charlie indicated that there is no visible indication that our ground water is not getting into the ground. While there are a few lower beds that may be a problem, the upper beds are all absorbing the waste water from the plant. A long discussion followed and it was agreed that W&C's scope of work needs to start with the position that our water is getting into the ground and doing test work to determine if we can document the results to prove this. The DEP continues to make regular plant visits and the feedback is all satisfactory. Paul received a lot of data from Charlie including previous video work done on the collection system, manhole inspections and cycle counts. It was agreed that we need to put more meters/counters in place before the rainy season. It was recommended that Charlie proceed with the relatively inexpensive things that could be done but that larger expenditures should await the work outlined in the new scope of services.

4. Review of revised Scope of Services

The Committee reviewed in detail the revised Scope of Services emailed by Paul to Committee members on October 15. There was considerable discussion on the 11 different tasks outlined in the document that will be reflected in some changes and updates to the document. There was concern expressed by all that the proposed cost is now between \$500,000 and \$600,000 with WLSD responsible for 45% of the total cost agreed by the DEP. There was agreement that the work needs

to be thorough as the consequences are significant to WLSD and it is more difficult to go back to the DEP to incorporate more work and ask for more money at a later date

5. Interim Compensation for W&C

There was brief discussion of the additional work done by W&C (less than \$10,000) that is not covered by existing contracts. This will likely be covered by the new scope of services contract.

6. Likely Timetable for remainder of 2010

Agree final Scope of Services (SoS) with W&C - October 31

Send SoS to DEP – November 1

Meet with DEP to discuss/agree SoS – November 15

Gain approval of WLSD taxpayers to SoS expenditure – December

Approved SoS by DEP – December

Begin SCADA work – December

Respectfully submitted

Ken Green, Chairman

October 20, 2010