

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 1st day of April, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Boardmembers: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, and Moran.
Absent: Boardmembers: None.

Chairman Dave Eskra announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular BPW Board meeting on March 11, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$9,048.92.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,263,935.69.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Baehr, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, Moran
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution to assign all rights of Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC, over to Koch Fertilizer Beatrice, LLC regarding the sale and purchase of water from the BPW.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the proposed resolution assigning all rights of Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC, over to Koch Fertilizer Beatrice, LLC regarding the sale and purchase of water from the BPW. BPW and Koch have had a signed contract since 2007. Greg Butcher, City Attorney, noted that Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC created a local LLC, Koch Fertilizer Beatrice, LLC, and this is simply a routine change. Boardmember Baehr inquired if this needed to be forwarded to the City Council for approval. Tempelmeyer noted the original contract was signed by the BPW so there is no need to take it to the City Council.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, to pass and adopt the resolution to assign all rights of Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC, over to Koch Fertilizer Beatrice, LLC regarding the sale and purchase of water from the BPW.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, Moran
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financials – February 2015

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the preliminary February 2015 financials. Janet Byars, BPW Office Manager, noted that these figures do not include depreciation. Boardmembers expressed their appreciation in being able to see the preliminary figures. The final February 2015 financials will be brought to a future BPW Board Meeting for approval. No action taken at this time.

Recommend Award of the Lake Ridge Estates Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project #15-004 to Goossen Construction.

James Burroughs, City Engineer, reviewed the recommendation for the Lake Ridge Estates Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project #15-004 to the Board. The City had previously entered into a Subdivision Agreement with Blake Meints for Lake Ridge Estates, in which he has agreed to pay for the cost of this project. A total of four (4) bids were received, with Goossen Construction begin the apparent low at \$47,348.00. The Engineer's estimate was \$64,000.00.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Moon, recommend to Mayor and City Council to award the Lake Ridge Estates Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project #15-004 to Goossen Construction.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, Moran
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Recommend Entering into Exclusive Contingent Development Agreement with Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC.

Adam Herink of Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC, gave the Board an overview of the company. After the presentation, Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manger, reminded the Board that the contract with NPPD allows for the City to generate ten percent (10%) of local generation. The requirements of the local generation is that it must be from renewable energy. Boardmember Baehr inquired if the consulting agreement we recently entered into to look at the option of purchasing energy on the open market was in connection to this project. That is a separate project. Boardmember Moran inquired how many wind turbines it would take in order to produce the ten percent (10%) or four (4) megawatts. Herink noted that it would take approximately two to three (2-3) wind turbines. Chairman Eskra inquired if Bluestem is currently working with anyone who has left NPPD. Herink noted that at this time they are not. Boardmember Moon inquired how long it would take to get the renewable generation online and ready to use. Herink noted that it would be approximately twelve to eighteen (12-18) months. The first step would be to bring back prices and options to the City which would be six to seven (6-7) months. After that decision was made, it would be another four to six (4-6) months to have the generation up and running. Boardmember Baehr also inquired who was on the committee that reviewed the RFQ's for this project. Tempelmeyer noted that Mayor Wirth, Dave Eskra, Pat Feist, and him were on the committee.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to enter into the Exclusive Contingent Development Agreement with Bluestem Energy Solutions, LLC.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, Moran
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS

Janet Byars, BPW Office Manager, noted that she has been working on completing the audit. She did want to let the Board know that they may see a line item stating "Restated Due to Error". This is not actually an error, but a disagreement on the auditor's opinion compared to the previous auditor's opinion.

Chairman Dave Eskra presented Janet Byars a plaque for her years of service to the Board of Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Baehr, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Baehr, Leech, Moon, Moran
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Eskra, Chairman

Attest:

Bob Moran, Secretary