



CAPITAL & CONSTRUCTION MEETING

Monday, June 7, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

Memorandum

Mr. Pittman called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair Steve Pittman, members Amanda Foley and Jeff Hill. Others in attendance were Board member Eric Hand, Legal Counsel Anne Poindexter, Utility Director Andrew Williams, Engineering Manager Wes Merkle, Utility Engineer Ryan Hartman, and Administrative Assistant Maggie Crediford.

Public Comment

There was no one present from the public.

Dedications

Mr. Pittman said staff is recommending acceptance of the dedication of Bellevue sanitary sewers. There were no questions from the Committee. The Committee was in agreement with acceptance of the dedication.

Generator Sale

Mr. Pittman said staff is recommending approval of the sale of the old plant generator to Aqua Indiana, Inc for \$77,500. There were no questions from the Committee. The Committee was in agreement with the sale of the generator.

#2103 Neighborhood Sewer Extension Construction Contract Award

Mr. Pittman said contingent upon approval of construction permits from IDEM, staff is recommending awarding #2103 Neighborhood Sewer Extension Construction Contract Award to TPI Utility Construction for \$340,840 and postponing construction in Long Brook until one or more homeowners are ready to connect to sewers. Mr. Pittman questioned whether no one in Long Brook was interested in sewers. Mr. Merkle said one or two homes being built in Long Brook had previously requested sewer service but instead of waiting for service to be extended they went ahead and installed septic. Currently there are no property owners ready to connect to sewers and he would prefer not to put pipes in the ground until they will be utilized. There are still two easements needed to serve this area, one from the HOA and one from the neighboring apartment complex.

Mr. Hand asked for clarification of the meeting memo regarding US421 sewers, once gravity sewer is extended the low-pressure systems can be repurposed to extend service to nearby parcels not currently in our service area. Mr. Hand asked where geographically this area is, and how low-pressure grinder pump technologies can be repurposed, if the homeowners own the grinder pumps. Mr. Merkle said this is along Michigan Road between County Road 200 South and Countrywood. The west side of Michigan Road, including the Fox Run neighborhood of a few dozen homes, is currently HSE's service

area. It seems reasonable that TriCo will be asked to serve these properties at some point because nobody else has infrastructure close to this area. Property owners would need to put in a grinder system to access the main across the street. There are development plans at the corner of Michigan Road and County Road 200 South. Mr. Hand asked if the term repurposing refers to the lines and flow not individual grinder pumps. Mr. Merkle confirmed that was correct.

Mr. Hand asked for clarification on what permits are needed. Mr. Merkle said it refers to IDEM construction permits. Mr. Hand asked if once the project is started do individual homeowners need any additional permits from the Town of Zionsville. Mr. Merkle said individual homeowners need permits from TriCo to connect.

Mr. Hill asked for clarification regarding the IDEM permit and how long it is expected to take. Mr. Merkle said a permit is expected any day. Mr. Hill asked if the delay would cause any issues with the contractor having a claim for delay because the job will not be finished within the timeframe that was bid. Mr. Merkle said TPI is flexible and aware that permits have to be received prior to contract award. Mr. Hill asked if there is any staff concern about the variance in the bid prices. Mr. Merkle said he believes the TPI number is a fair market number and that Miller Pipeline was not seriously interested in the work so they put out an extremely high number just to bid. Other prospective bidders expressed concerns about meeting the proposed deadlines due to their existing workloads.

Mr. Pittman said at the June Zionsville Plan Commission meeting there are two interesting items on the agenda. The Zionsville Town Council asked to rezone the Caito property from residential to agriculture. The other item is Arbor homes filing a primary plat for the same property. Mr. Merkle said staff will be monitoring the outcome.

#1902 Plant Expansion Change Order 2

Mr. Merkle said Change Order 2 consists of several value engineering items. Material substitutions due to availability, and infrastructure enhancements which resulted in a net credit of \$12,454.33. No action was needed by the Committee. Mr. Merkle said Thieneman is also asking for an extension in time along with Change Order 2. Mr. Merkle is pressing them on the time issue. Mr. Pittman asked how much additional time Thieneman is requesting. Mr. Merkle said 49 days and he is asking for more information supporting the need for a time extension.

Capital Project Updates

#1802 Haver Way Sewer Improvements- Project is complete.

#1902 TriCo WRRF Expansion- Mr. Merkle discussed progress on site. He would like to walk the Committee members through the plant sometime soon to see the progress and the process tanks before they go in service. Screening and conveyor equipment are under construction in the pretreatment building where some rework is being done. UV equipment and chemical feed pumps are finally online after many weeks of troubleshooting. Due to a lack of construction site dust control by Thieneman, one of the motors on the blowers that feeds air to the VLRs failed. When the equipment

representative was onsite checking the issue, they found the filters were completely full of construction dust and debris. The total bill is around \$19,000. Mr. Merkle said he expects Thieneman to reimburse the Utility for those repairs due to their negligence by not controlling the dust on the jobsite to protect TriCo's equipment that was in operation during the construction.

#1906 Eagle Creek Outfall Sewer Expansion- Sewers are in service. Testing and restoration work is expected to be complete by the end of June.

#2002 Lift Station 2 Odor Control System Replacement- Work has begun, completion is expected by the end of June.

#2004 Lift Station 1- The new generator is online. Punch list work is expected to be complete this month. Mr. Williams said another utility is interested in purchasing the odor control unit that was taken out of service.

#2101 Little Eagle Creek Interceptor Extension- The proposed gravity sewer will help extend service to the northwest corner of our service area. Two property owners have agreed to discuss easement acquisitions. Staff is working with others. We're hopeful easements can be secured without condemnation. The project may go on hold pending Zionsville zoning and proposed development upstream.

#2102 Lift Station 16 Reconstruction- No update.

#2103 Long Brook, Bridlewood & Countrywood Sewer Extension- If construction contract is awarded by the Board, sewers should be complete and in service this fall, except for Long Brook which is being put on hold until there is interest from property owners.

Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wes Merkle
Engineering Manager