

**DES MOINES METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER
RECLAMATION AUTHORITY**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2008

1:30 p.m.

**Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Facility
3000 Vandalia Road
Des Moines, Iowa**

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Dean Yordi, Chair, called the April 8, 2008, Technical Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

Technical Committee Members in Attendance

Jim Utter, Altoona
Karen Oppelt, Altoona
Jolee Belzung, Ankeny
Pat Collison, Bondurant
Bart Weller, Clive
Carl Elshire, Des Moines
Dave Cubit, Johnson
Dean Yordi, Norwalk
Gary Patterson, Pleasant Hill
Kurt Bailey, Polk County
Austin Kennedy, UWHS
John Gibson, Waukee
Larry Read, West Des Moines
Phil Koundakjian, WRF
Royce Hammitt, WRF

Others in Attendance

Mike Hall, Operating Contractor
Scott Hutchens, Operating Contractor
Vicki Gustafson, Operating Contractor
Roxane Vaughan, Operating Contractor
H. R. Veenstra Jr., Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.
Chuck Lewis, Brown & Caldwell
Brian Bakke, HDR

ITEM 3: Minutes for the March 11, 2008, meeting – Approval

Larry Read made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008, Technical Committee meeting; John Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: WRA Policy Regarding Core Community Participation in an Expansion Community Project

Carl Elshire referred to his memo to the Technical Committee dated April 4, 2008, regarding this subject. The memo was electronically sent out in the meeting packet. He reported that the sub-committee had met, and he gave a summary of the two-part recommendation. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that more discussions and studies were needed before it was recommended to the WRA Board for action. The sub-committee will meet again, and this item will appear again on next month's agenda of the Technical Committee.

ITEM 5: Polk County Request for Capacity on the Four Mile Interceptor Extension and Four Mile Interceptor – Recommendation

This item was tabled until next month in order for after the sub-committee to meeting again for further discussions.

ITEM 6: WRF Pit Scale Replacement – Project Recommendation

Mike Hall described this project; the current pit scale has been in service for more than 15 years and is deteriorating. A dependable scale is necessary for accurate billing and cost accounting. The engineer's opinion of cost is \$355,000.

Larry Read made a motion to recommend this project to the WRA Board. Jolee Belzung seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7: WRF Building 12 – Grit & Scum Processing Equipment Replacement – Project Recommendation

Mike Hall described this project; the current equipment has been in service for more than 15 years. This equipment has also deteriorated and replacement has been recommended by the WRF staff. The equipment is necessary for processing grit and scum before ultimate disposal. The engineer's opinion of cost is \$789,000.

John Gibson made a motion to recommend this project to the WRA Board. Larry Read seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8: Benchmarks – Discussion

Carl Elshire reported that he is working on a different method of benchmark reporting that will not only allow comparisons to ourselves, but will allow comparisons to other plants. He will report back at the next Technical Committee and have more information for discussion after he meets with other team members.

ITEM 9: Industrial Waste Ordinance – Information

Royce Hammitt distributed the monthly “FOG Inspection Progress Report.” He reported that 30 new FOG inspections and five re-inspections were completed in March. This has been a very active season for the opening of new food service establishments (FSEs).

ITEM 10: Other Business

Bob Veenstra reported that because of changes in the SRF loans there will be some extra SRF funds. He suggested the WRA consider preserving corridors now for future WRA sewers, and that available bond proceeds be used to buy rights-of-way associated with those projects.

Bart Weller announced that his address for Clive Public Works is now 2123 N.W. 111th.

ITEM 11: Adjourn

John Gibson made a motion to adjourn; Carl Elshire seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.