

GREEN BAY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

Special meeting of the Commission held March 6, 2009.

PRESENT: Commissioners Alesch, Hasselblad, Mainz, Zabel, and Scheberle

ALSO PRESENT: T. Sigmund, P. Kaster, P. McCarthy, D. Busch, L. Evenson, J. Van Sistine, J. Nicks–Legal Counsel; E. Rothstein–Galardi Rothstein Group

Commission President Alesch called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1) Request Commission approval of Task Order 4 to CH2M Hill for engineering services to develop an effluent phosphorus trading strategy in the amount of \$23,000.

P. McCarthy reported GBMSD contracted with CH2M Hill in 2008 to prepare cost estimates for wastewater treatment facilities at both plants to reduce effluent phosphorus from current levels to 0.1 mg/L.

Commissioner Mainz asked what the current phosphorus limit is. P. McCarthy replied 1.0 mg/L.

P. McCarthy stated the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has indicated that it will not be developing water quality trading rules but encourages municipalities to develop trading strategies that could form the framework for phosphorus trades within watersheds. GBMSD staff met with representatives from the Milwaukee and Madison Metropolitan Sewerage Districts and the City of Racine last year and in February to discuss phosphorus trading. He reported a Trading Strategy White Paper is being developed to summarize our efforts and outline a recommended trading strategy and associated framework.

Commissioner Scheberle stated that she has been attending meetings on total maximum daily load for approximately two years and trading seems to be going no where. Commissioner Scheberle suggested staff work with farmers to see if we can reduce phosphorus coming off of the farm fields.

Motion #09-021

It was moved by Mainz, seconded by Hasselblad, and approved, with Scheberle voting nay, to authorize Task Order 4 to CH2M Hill for engineering services to develop an effluent phosphorus trading strategy in the amount of \$23,000.

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2) Strategic Planning Workshop – Review Strategic Investment Options.

E. Rothstein reviewed the strategic planning process, including GBMSD goals, objectives, and strategic investment evaluation.

T. Sigmund reviewed the following strategic investment options:

- Regional services - municipalities
- Watershed planning/credit trading
- In-District sustainability initiative
- Asset management

E. Rothstein reviewed the following:

- Investment portfolio
- Scenario analysis
- Strategic investment implementation
- Annual strategic plan review/update

Commissioner Scheberle departed at 11:30 a.m.

T. Sigmund reported on the Ninth Street and Ashwaubenon Creek Interceptors.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Secretary