PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

Regular meeting of the Commission held February 15, 2010.

PRESENT: Commissioners Alesch, Hasselblad, Meinz, and Zabel

EXCUSED: Commissioner Scheberle

ALSO PRESENT: T. Sigmund, P. McCarthy, P. Kaster, D. Busch, W. Angoli, M. Pierner, J. Christ, J. Czypinski, J. Kennedy, J. Derouin, D. Hoppe, B. Perrigoue, L. Evenson, B. Vander Loop, D. Lefebvre, D. Cawley, M. Kersten, D. Hanson, J. Van Sistine, J. Nicks–Legal Counsel

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

1) Approval of minutes of Commission meeting held January 25, 2010.

Motion #10-015

It was moved by Meinz, seconded by Hasselblad, and unanimously agreed to approve the January 25, 2010 minutes as distributed.

2) Year-end financials.

P. Kaster reported the net operating income at year-end was \$972,903 above the 2009 budget. GBMSD's 2009 income including non-operating revenues and expenses was \$233,368 below budget. He reported revenue from the City of De Pere exceeded the budgeted amount and the City of Green Bay was \$114,000 under budget. He stated power and natural gas were under budget due to lower than expected usage and favorable pricing.

Commissioner Hasselblad questioned why there was a \$536,184 loss on disposal of fixed assets. P. Kaster replied that they are old assets from the De Pere Facility that will no longer be used due to the conveyance line.

3) Request Commission approval of the Amendment to Contract with Elert & Associates, Inc. to provide telecommunication consulting services in the amount of \$12,650.

J. Czypinski reported that during the needs assessment phase, additional issues were identified that were outside the original scope of work. Staff would like to include these issues in the telecommunications review process and develop a comprehensive plan. Staff would like to get a detailed assessment of some of these technologies to determine the most cost-effective and reliable alternative.

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It was moved by Meinz, seconded by Hasselblad, and unanimously agreed to approve the Amendment to Contract with Elert & Associates, Inc. to provide telecommunication consulting services in the amount of \$12,650.

4) **Recognition of 30 years:**

- a) Bob Hart
- b) Bonnie Perrigoue
- c) Ken Stevens

T. Sigmund stated that we have three individuals who have recently achieved 30 years of service. He stated Bob Hart, Treatment Operator at the De Pere Facility and Ken Stevens, Treatment Operator at the Green Bay Facility were not able to be here today due to their shift schedule. He then introduced Bonnie Perrigoue, Laboratory Analyst.

B. Perrigoue thanked the Commission for the opportunity of working at GBMSD for the past 30 years. She stated that she enjoys her job, the people she works with, and being able to contribute towards improving the environment.

The Commission congratulated the 30-year recipients.

5) Introduction of Operators-in-Training:

- a) Matt Hooker
- b) Dave Hoppe
- c) Jason Derouin

D. Lefebvre introduced Dave Hoppe and Jason Derouin. He stated that they were Operators at the De Pere Facility, and in early January began an Operators-in-Training program that will run through 2010.

J. Derouin thanked the Commission for the job opportunity. The Commission welcomed them.

6) Update of projects:

a) Consolidation Projects – General

P. McCarthy stated that staff is reviewing the mass trading idea on local limits.

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P. McCarthy reported that as of last week, there was no evidence of sulfide generation in the mill waste force main.

P. McCarthy reported meetings have been scheduled this week with the two mills discharging to the West Side Interceptor.

P. McCarthy also reported the Nautilus Marine Group is completing a field report on the De Pere River Crossing.

b) Consolidation Projects – Treatment plants construction phase

W. Angoli reported the startup of the waste activated sludge and mill waste pumping is on schedule to begin in April.

c) RAS/WAS System Improvements Project

W. Angoli reported the project is winding down and is in the punch list phase. The project will be closed out within the next couple of months.

d) Solids Management Plan

W. Angoli reported meetings are being held to discuss concerns and to finalize the scoring of each of the alternatives.

Commissioner Alesch asked staff to schedule a workshop with the Commission in March to discuss the alternatives.

7) **Operation report:**

- a) Effluent quality for January
- b) Air quality for January

D. Busch reported both facilities were in compliance with effluent and air quality limits for January.

8) Legal Counsel report:

a) None

9) Executive Director's report:

a) March Commission meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 8:30 a.m.

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b) Georgia-Pacific update

Staff is in discussions with Georgia-Pacific management regarding its intent to relinquish the entire Georgia-Pacific treatment capacity at GBMSD. No formal notice has been given thus far. Staff is reviewing the requirements of the Tripartite Agreement. A meeting has been scheduled for March 2.

c) National Association of Clean Water Agencies 2010 Winter Conference summary

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) 2010 Winter Conference was held in Austin, TX. T. Sigmund stated the conference focused on future regulatory issues and he distributed a summary of the issues discussed. He stated the Committee reports and PowerPoint presentations are available on the NACWA website.

d) T. Sigmund plans to attend the NACWA National Environmental Policy Forum in Washington, DC in April. The NACWA 2010 Summer Conference will be held July 20 – 23 in San Francisco, CA.

e) Last Friday staff submitted a letter to Congressman Kagen regarding a request for a special needs project under the fiscal year 2011 Interior-Environment Appropriations bill for the Environmental Protection Agency. The cost of the project identified is \$3,000,000 and GBMSD is requesting special needs project funding of \$1,650,000.

- 10) Convene in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Commission who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Commission with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved:
 - a) Fox River PCB sediment issues
 - b) Fox River PCB insurance coverage issues
 - c) Status report on Rockland appeal of De Pere annexation

Motion #10-017

It was moved by Meinz, seconded by Hasselblad, and unanimously agreed to convene in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Commission who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Commission with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

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11) Reconvene in open session.

Motion #10-018

It was moved by Meinz, seconded by Hasselblad, and unanimously agreed to reconvene in open session.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Secretary