

NORTH HOUGHTON COUNTY WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY

DATE: 4/29/24.

Meeting was called to order by _Mukavetz_ at 12:01PM

ROLL CALL: LaRochelle, Coppo, Zubiena, Primeau, Mukavetz, Gasperich

Others Present: Heikkila, Bjorn, Kemper

Motion LaRochelle 2nd Coppo to approve the March 25, 2024 minutes as presented; Carried.

Project Updates

Bjorn updated the board on the current status of the phase 1 project. Contract one was bid on 4/26/24, and contract bid opening was rescheduled for 5/3/24 due to changes in design with estimated savings of \$100,000.00. Bjorn presented the bid tabs, with BnB being the low bidder followed by Bacco and Danielson. Total cost of the project will not be determined until contract 2 is bid. The board agreed to hold a special meeting to review bids, and recommendations after both contracts are bid. This meeting is to be scheduled at a later date, most likely by Monday 4/6/24, and is expected to be scheduled for 4/9/24 at noon. Bjorn presented an invoice to loan for work completed to date on the phase 1 project.

Motion Zubiena, 2nd Coppo to approve the Invoice to loan in the amount of \$6,349.95 as presented; Carried.

Bjorn presented the board with an invoice, on Holme's behalf, that included work on Miwaters annual reports and Permits

Motion Primeau, 2nd LaRochelle, to approve the Invoice in the amount of \$871.50 as presented; Carried.

Bjorn updated the board on the CEC expansion and the relocation of Sewer and Storm mains. Bjorn introduced Kemper from Moyle Construction. Kemper is serving as the liaison for CEC on this matter. Kemper briefed the board on CEC's long and short term plans at their facility. There are a lot of unknowns, with a strong possibility of major renovations in the near future. At this point CEC is asking for time, so they do not have to relocate the lines under the footprint of the new building being constructed, as the relocation may be short term, with future expansions that require a much greater relocation around the entire property. A discussion followed, with Heikkila suggesting creating an agreement with a timeline or hard date on when relocation plans need to be submitted to EGLE, and also an emergency response plan to be submitted in case of critical failure of the current mains. It was agreed that Heikkila will work with the Authority's attorney, to create agreements that protect the authority from future expenses and also assurances that the lines will be relocated.

Florida VFD

Heikkila presented a quote from Bay Electric, to replace a VFD at Florida Lift Station. This vfd began failing over the winter and finally has failed to a point where it is unsafe to run. Last year pump 1 vfd had failed and was replaced.

Motion Coppo, 2nd Primeau, to approve the quote for the VFD in the amount of \$11,600.00 as presented; Carried.

Florida SCADA

Heikkila informed the board that the current SCADA system in place at Floria CSO has become outdated as well as the computer. A new computer will not support the old software so both the computer and software must be updated. Several controls and scada specialists have been contacted to provide quotes. Heikkila asked that these prices be considered and a recommendation moved on at the same special meeting as the Phase one Bids. The board agreed.

FOIA

Heikkila informed the board that after last month’s meeting he found that the Authority had a FOIA policy in place. Heikkila presented the board with the policy and recommended that “Ken Hyrkas” be replaced with Supervisor.

Motion Zubierna, 2nd LaRochelle, to approve the changes to the FOIA Policy as presented; Carried.

57251 2nd Street

Heikkila informed the board that he had received an email from a concerned neighbor that there is sewer seepage on the ground surface at 57251 2nd street. Heikkila informed the board that the authority has responded several times to this location for sewer complaint calls. Each time it was determined that the mains were operating as designed, and “Always Available” had told the Authority that the sewer service is crushed. After discussion it was agreed that Heikkila should contact the Health Department about the sewage seepage.

Other Business

none

Public Comment

There were no public comments

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion Coppo, 2nd Primeau to pay monthly bills totaling \$ 68,520.51 as presented; Carried.

Motion Coppo, 2nd Gasperich to adjourn at pm; Carried.

Recorded by,

Cleve Heikkila

Submitted by,

Tom Primeau
Secretary