

NORTH HOUGHTON COUNTY WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY

DATE: 5/9/24.

Meeting was called to order by Bonenfant at 12:14 PM

**ROLL CALL:**, Bonenfant, Primeau, Mukavetz, Gasperich

Others Present: Heikkila, Bjorn, Haapala, Bonen

***Phase 1 Engineer's Recommendation:***

Bjorn presented UPEA's recommendations for contracts 1 and 2 of the Phase 1 project. Bids were evaluated, and base bids with no alternate items were under the engineer's estimate but did not leave adequate contingency. To regain adequate contingency it is UPEA's recommendation that sheet "C105" be removed from contract 1 and "Riprap" be removed from contract 2. A discussion followed, including options to secure additional funding. To secure funding to complete all alternate bid items, and using RD's current interest rates of 2.125%, the debt service would be an additional \$80,000/year. This would require a usage rate increase of \$0.65/1000 gallon. There would also be additional bond council fees as well as more engineering fees. RD's current policies would also require that the entire project be compliant with BAABA. Currently the project requires compliance with the American Iron and Steel Act. The timeframe of the contracts would be delayed if additional funding was sought, making it unlikely that the project would go to construction this season.

Bjorn went on to say that the Alternate Bid items would be shelved, and the census data would be analyzed. It is possible that NHCWSA could become grant eligible, and these alternates could go out as a Phase 2 project in the future with grant funding.

Bjorn presented change order #1 for contract 1 and change order #1 for contract 2, removing the aforementioned bid items.

It is UPEA's recommendation that a Resolution be passed that Contracts 1 and 2 base bids be awarded contingent upon Change order #1 for contract 1 and change order #1 for contract 2 being accepted.

*Motion Gasperich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Primeau to approve the resolution as presented; Carried.*

***Ayes: Gasperich, Primeau, Mukavetz, Bonenfant***

***Nays: none***

***May Board Meeting:***

Heikkila recommended to reschedule May's board meeting from 4/27/24 to 6/3/24 due to Memorial Day.

*Motion Mukavets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonenfant to approve rescheduling as presented; Carried.*

***Florida Lift Station SCADA:***

Heikkila presented quotes from Crane Engineering, Erico Electric and FDS to replace the existing outdated computer and scada system at Florido CSO. Erico currently is the Authority's controls service and repair firm, as well as the apparent subcontractor for the upcoming phase 1 project, and a discussion was held regarding prices and service rates.

*Motion Mukavets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonenfant to accept Erico's proposal as presented, in the amount of \$11,440. Carried.*

*Motion Primeau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gasperich to adjourn at 12:47 pm; Carried.*

Recorded by,

Cleve Heikkila

Submitted by,

Tom Primeau  
Secretary