

**BOARD OF WORKS
WASTEWATER UTILITY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010
8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Absent
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Walter Crowder – Present
Roger Seymoure – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with the Wastewater Utility. All members were present, except Mayor Fleck.

MINUTES Motion was made by Crowder to approve an overview of the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes as presented, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITAKER ENGINEERING: INV. 09/12-7 - \$1,320.00 Jeff Walker explained the request dealt specifically with the influent screen and the ongoing issues with that process. He felt it was going to be a slow process in getting complete resolve to everyone's benefit. He advised everything was in order and requested the Board act favorably in the amount of \$1,320.00

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve Invoice 09/12-7 dated 1-4-2010 in the amount of \$1,320.00 to Whitaker Engineering as approved by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion.

Walt Crowder questioned if there was going to be closure to this anytime soon. Jeff advised as it stood right now Siemens' felt their fine screen process had been specked and installed as it was intended to be. He stated they feel the fine screen needs additional protection ahead in the stream by some other mechanism. He explained when Donohue began specking out the equipment they referred to a Mahr screen which was very similar in nature to a Siemens'. He stated they were currently investigating the Mahr screen. He advised they were not prepared to come back with a recommendation. Walt questioned if they were spending the majority of the efforts trying to find who is at fault and accountable or a solution to fix the problem. He felt we had incurred expenses that fall out of this situation and should, at some point in time, pass through Cecil's cost to us. Jeff felt 100% of the effort was being focused on a resolve to the problem. Walt advised he did not want to penalize Cecil at all but felt we should start accumulating the invoices and pass them on showing that it was costing us money too.

Roger Seymoure questioned if Donohue had designed systems in other City's where they have used this. Jeff advised they have used the Mahr system and have not dealt with Siemens'.

Attorney McNagny felt it was important to understand there was focus on who was at fault because that had to be figured out to come up with a solution on where to go and get things resolved. She stated there was question of whether to have a lawsuit or not and felt they were trying to avoid that. Walt Crowder agreed that was best long term but questioned how long do we go. Jeff advised he informed Cecil that although we appreciate his input we did want to come to a resolve.

Upon the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP: LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT INVOICE 45572 \$12,502.00 Jeff Walker pointed out that GAI and Bonar had merged January 1, 2010. He explained GAI was a very large consulting firm and has a presence in many states. He advised for the first year they will be Bonar Group a division of GAI and then

a year from now they will just be GAI. He stated they will be at the same location and our contacts will remain the same.

Jeff Walker explained the request was for the Jefferson and Main Street lift station modifications. He stated the design services were about ½ way through. He advised everything was in order and requested the Board act favorably in the sum of \$12,502.00. He stated once we receive approval for the final design then we could finish up the PER to SRF.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve Invoice 45572 to Bonar Group in the amount of \$12,502.00 as requested by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP: JEFFREY DRIVE & HOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - INVOICE 45570 \$12,394.50 Jeff Walker explained the request was for the Jeffrey Dr. Holden Rd. storm water project. He advised it was in QAQC at Bonar Group with the final documents coming to us shortly for review. He recommended the Board act favorably.

Roger Seymoure questioned how far through the design they were. Jeff Walker advised they were pretty well through the design. Roger questioned if work would start this spring. Jeff advised it would. Roger questioned if we would be paying for that out of storm water. Jeff advised we would.

Motion was made by Crowder to accept Jeff Walker's recommendation to pay Bonar for storm water improvements at Jeffrey Drive and Holden Road for \$12,394.50, Seymoure second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – BONAR GROUP: STORM WATER OUTFALL REPAIRS – INVOICE 45571 \$5,505.00 Jeff Walker explained the request was for the project they were designing for us on storm water outfall repairs. He advised this project was also in QAQC at Bonar and recommended the Board act favorably in the sum of \$5,505.00.

Walt Crowder questioned if the repairs were due to erosion. Jeff Walker explained in a couple cases it was due to broken down storm water culver pipe and was causing erosion.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve Invoice 45571 to Bonar Group in the amount of \$5,505.00 as recommended by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

PAY REQUEST – WHITLEY COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT – INVOICE DECEMBER 2009: \$698.48 Jeff Walker explained the request was for administrative services for the storm water program. He advised everything was in order and requested the Board authorize payment in the sum of \$698.48.

Motion was made by Seymoure to approve payment to the Whitley County Soil & Water Conservation District in the sum of \$698.48 as recommended by Jeff Walker, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT Mike Cook reported the 700 E. lift station had a pump fail and when putting it back together a crack was found in the bottom of the keyway for the impeller. He advised it was in Warsaw for repair and hoped to have it back this afternoon. He stated he was going to order another pump so they would have a backup. Jeff Walker questioned when a pump goes bad if they try to rotate the pumps so they have about the same amount of hours or track the amount of hours used on the pumps. Mike advised they did not. Jeff mentioned the impeller issue was what forced us into doing this improvement in the first place and felt if we continue to have problems then it needed to be reassessed.

Mike Cook reported on the heating issues at the plant office. He advised it seemed to be better than it was.

Mike Cook reported the sampler had a bad motor and took it in for repair but found it would be cheaper to purchase a new one. He reported one of the mixers went down, had Shambaugh in and has been running fine ever since. He advised he was working on getting quotes for odor control at Morsches Park. Jeff Walker advised he would be interested in looking at the quotes due to some conditions that were on the quotes last year. Mike advised this was going a different route than before and made that perfectly clear to them when requesting quotes.

FINANCIAL REPORT Rosie Coyle advised she did not have it done.

BILLS Motion was made by Seymoure to approve the bills dated 1-11-2010 in the amount of \$725,726.43 as presented, Crowder second the motion, all voted aye.

Having no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Walter Crowder

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle