

DES MOINES WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Facility
3000 Vandalia Road
Des Moines, Iowa

May 9, 2023
1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Shane Kinsey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

Members in Attendance

Dan Scott, Altoona
Don Clark, Ankeny*
Jeff May, Clive
Rita Connor, Cumming*
Eugene Schmitt, Des Moines
Matt Ahrens, Grimes*
Shane Kinsey, Johnston
Wayne Schwartz, Norwalk*
Russ Paul, Pleasant Hill
Bret VandeLune, Polk County
John Larson, Urbandale
Tim Royer, Waukee
Brian Hemesath, West Des Moines
Larry Hare, WRF

Others in Attendance

Scott Hutchens, Operating Contractor
Lisa Etnyre, Operating Contractor
Melissa Schlickbernd, Operating Contractor
Patrick Brown, Operating Contractor
Dillon Hain, Operating Contractor
Roxane Vaughan, Operating Contractor
Ben Warren, Operating Contractor
Charlie Stevens, Operating Contractor
Brian Bakke, HDR

* Participated in the meeting remotely due to the fact that it was impractical or impossible to participate in the meeting in person due to proximity to meeting location

ITEM 3: Minutes for the April 11, 2023 meeting - Approval

Brian Hemesath made a motion for recommendation. Jeff May seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

ITEM 4: WRF Fuel System Improvements – Contract Recommendation

Scott Hutchens stated that the WRF Fuel System Improvements is a project identified several years ago when the WRF's fuel island was found to be nearing the end of its useful life. The improvement includes removal, replacement, and modifications to the existing below grade diesel and gasoline fuel storage and dispensing system, control and communications, sitework, and other incidental items all in accordance with the plans and contract documents. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$1,138,000.00 and bids were received on May 2, 2023. The apparent low bid received was from Unified Contracting Services (Des Moines) in the amount of \$1,050,208.00 which was 7.71% below the engineer's estimate.

Brian Hemesath made a motion for recommendation. Tim Royer seconded that motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

ITEM 5: Industrial Waste Ordinance – Information

Larry Hare noted 32 inspections were completed in Des Moines and West Des Moines and he noted one exception was received and approved in April.

ITEM 6: Contract Status Update – Information

Scott Hutchens reviewed a couple of the contracts and then asked that everybody review the sheets attached to see the current projects that the WRA is currently working on.

ITEM 7: Other Business

Scott Hutchens stated that both the WRA Conveyance Facility Plan Update and the WRA Treatment Facility Plan Update will be going to the Finance Committee to be reviewed at their meeting on June 1, 2023. The WRA Board wanted their own legal representation, so they sent RFPs out to local law firms, performed interviews, and Legal RFP Review Subcommittee made a recommendation on May 2nd.

ITEM 8: Adjourn

Bret VandeLune made a motion to adjourn. Tim Royer seconded that motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.