

MINUTES
INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD
Oak View Library
December 2, 2009 8:35 a.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Mark Cotter, Chad Huwe, Mike Cooper, Jeff Schmitt, Steve Brockmueller, Eric Berg, Mark Vellinga, Preston Mettler, Orrin Oliver, Steve VanBuskirk, Pat Beckman (8:35), Myron Adam

Members and Alternates Absent

Erin Hayes, Mike Runge

Others Present

Todd Anawski, Cynthia Monnin, Chuck Point, Rick Laughlin, Jeff DesLauriers, Ben Ronning, Kris Ronning, Dawn Horner, Tanya Miller, Tim Galbraith, Mark Perry, Clayton Jamison, Mike Huether, Dan Graber, Reed Ramstad, Trent Lubbers, Bob Kappel, Ken Dunlap, Paul Fick, Ray Pierson, Eric Willadsen, Jon Brown, Debra Owen

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Mike Cooper to approve the November 18, 2009 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mark Cotter. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Cooper, VanBuskirk, Oliver, Brockmueller, Berg, Vellinga - 7. Noes, none.

Business

a. Update of Harrisburg Wastewater Agreement

Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, gave the Board an update on the proposed contract to treat Harrisburg's wastewater. Initially, the approach was to use a cost of service method to determine Harrisburg's rate for wastewater treatment. This is the method currently used to determine the rates for Brandon, Renner, and the Prairie Meadows Sanitary Sewer District. This method was not supported for determining Harrisburg's rate. The City began looking for other methods to determine Harrisburg's rate. Mark met with the Metropolitan Council in the twin cities to discuss their method. The Metropolitan Council develops regional models and more importantly administers a large regional system that currently treats wastewater for Minneapolis, St Paul and 103 other cities in a seven county area.

After meeting with the Metropolitan Council, the cities of Harrisburg, Renner, Brandon, and the Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire, a short and long term approach has been developed. Mark proposed a multiplier on the cost of service rate of 2.0. This short term solution would allow Harrisburg to discharge wastewater to the city of Sioux Falls with a phased in multiplier reducing initial impact on user rates as follows: 2010-1.25 multiplier, 2011-Jan-Jun 1.50, 2011-July-Dec 2.00, and 2012-and beyond 2.0. The short term solution would also allow Harrisburg to use their stimulus funds. The long term solution includes a comprehensive regional study to be initiated in January 2010 that will be used to determine the need of the outside

customers and to develop an economical based unit cost to allow inside and outside customers the ability to buy-in to the reserve capacity of the Sioux Falls wastewater system.

Currently, a separate resolution is being drafted that includes Public Works initiating a comprehensive regional study, developing a unit cost to buy-in on reserve capacity, and providing language on what steps will be taken if the regional study is not completed.

Eric Berg made a motion to approve the direction the City is taking in negotiations with Harrisburg; the motion was seconded by Steve Vanbuskirk. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Cooper, VanBuskirk, Oliver, Brockmueller, Berg, Vellinga - 7 . Noes, none.

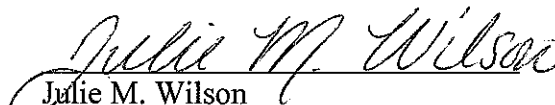
This issue will be brought to the Sioux Falls City Council for approval on Monday, December 7.

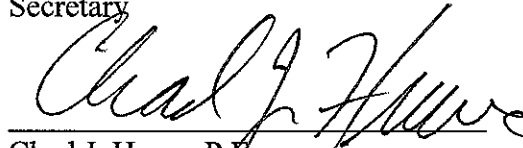
Board Action:

Action Items

Adjournment

The next IRAB meeting is set for December 16, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., at the Oak View Library. A motion was made by Mike Cooper for adjournment at 9:30 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Mark Cotter. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Cooper, VanBuskirk, Oliver, Brockmueller, Berg, Vellinga - 7 . Noes, none.


Julie M. Wilson
Secretary


Chad J. Huwe, P.E.
City Engineer