



GCEDC STAMP Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Location: Electronically

3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

C. Yunker, P. Zelif, A. Vanderhoof, M. Clattenburg

Staff:

M. Masse, L. Casey, J. Krencik, C. Suozzi, S. Hyde, P. Kennett,
L. Farrell

Guests:

Absent:

1. Call to Order / Enter Public Session

P. Zelif called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. via conference call / video conference.

Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law, this Meeting is being held electronically via conference call instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person.

1a. Executive Session

C. Yunker made a motion to enter executive session under the Public Officers Law, Article 7, Open Meetings Law Section 105, at 3:01 p.m., for the following reasons:

1. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

The motion was seconded by A. Vanderhoof and approved by all members present.

1b. Re-Enter Public Session

A. Vanderhoof made a motion to enter back into public session at 3:29 p.m., seconded by C. Yunker and approved by all.

2. Chairman's Report & Activities

2a. Agenda Additions / Other Business – Nothing at this time.

2b. Minutes: May 4, 2021

M. Clattenburg made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes; the motion was seconded by A. Vanderhoof. Roll call resulted as follows:

P. Zelif - Yes
C. Yunker - Yes
A. Vanderhoof - Yes
M. Clattenburg - Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3. Discussions / Official Recommendations to the Board:

3a. Appraisal Contract for ROW through US Fish and Wildlife Refuge – The GCEDC asked five companies for bids to prepare the appraisal for the Right of Way (ROW) for the force main through the wildlife refuge as well as the timeline to complete the work. The appraisal needs to be completed to the standards set forth by US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The results of the bids are as follows:

1. \$15,000 – K LW Appraisal Group, Inc. – 60 days
2. \$35,000 – Thurston, Casale & Ryan, LLC 30-45 days
3. Declined to bid – Emminger, Newton, Pigeon & Maygar, Inc.
4. No response – Edmunds Enterprises
5. No response – CNY Pomeroy Appraisers, Inc.

The appraisers who were solicited had been preapproved by the US Department of the Interior as qualified to complete this work as listed in the instruction letter that was included with the meeting materials. Our current construction timeline for working in the refuge could start no sooner than July 15th through the end of the year. USFWS has made it abundantly clear that there is no way to begin work in the refuge without the permit. They cannot issue the permit without the appraisal being completed. In this case having the appraisal completed in as short a time as possible, even costing more than others, will help save money in the long run by allowing the contractor to begin work as close to the July 15th date as possible.

Fund commitment: Not to exceed \$35,000 to Thurston, Casale & Ryan, LLC to be covered under the \$33 million grant.

C. Yunker made a motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the appraisal contract to Thurston, Casale, & Ryan, LLC, not to exceed \$35,000; the motion was seconded by A. Vanderhoof. Roll call resulted as follows:

P. Zelif - Yes
C. Yunker - Yes
A. Vanderhoof- Yes
M. Clattenburg- Yes

The item was approved as presented.

4. Adjournment

As there was no further business, C. Yunker made a motion to adjourn at 3:42 p.m., seconded by A. Vanderhoof and passed unanimously.