

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
February 16, 2016
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

The work session was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Present: Mr. Berner, Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Rickey, Mr. Rush, and Ms. Schnabel.

Also present: Mayor Zilka (left at 7:10 PM), Edward St. John, Chief Utilities Executive Danielson, Chief of Utility Operations Eberle, and WPCC Manager Baytos.

Overview of WPCC Rehab Project

Ed St. John of CDM Smith presented to the Board an overview of the Water Pollution Control Center rehabilitation project, indicating how virtually every part of the plant will be affected. He indicated the project should be advertised for bids within a few weeks, with bid opening in early April. Members asked about the potential for interested bidders, and Mr. St. John stated that several contractors are interested in the work. Members also inquired about the potential areas where there were the most risks for problems during construction and asked to make sure that those areas received additional focus to help reduce risks.

Other Business

The CUE asked members to ask their questions about the WPCC Bidding and Out-of-Scope Services so that Mr. St. John would be able to respond. Members inquired about the personnel costs for bidding services. Mr. St. John indicated that due to the size and complexity of the project, all work associated with bidding (addenda, bid review, etc.) would require the review of all engineering disciplines. Therefore, to reduce chances for change orders during the project, CDM Smith worked with staff to arrive at a budget that they collectively believed best balanced price for bidding services with the potential price for project-related change orders.

Members expressed concern about the overall 5-year cost of the Avon Lake Regional Water capital program and stated that staff should be cognizant that Board members are leery about taking on additional capital expenses over and above those already considered. Members also requested that staff be able to clearly define what customers will be able to expect as outcomes of these capital improvements.

The work session adjourned at 7:30PM.

Approved March 1, 2016

John G. Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Todd A. Danielson, Clerk