

Board of Municipal Utilities
Work Session Minutes
January 21, 2020
201 Miller Road
Avon Lake, Ohio

Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mr. Abram, Mr. Dzwonczyk, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Rush, and Mrs. Schnabel.

Also present: CUE Danielson, CUO Munro, Technical Support Specialist Collins, and Community Outreach Specialist Arnold (arrived part-way through).

Orthophosphate Point of Application

The CUO presented to the Board an updated plan from the November 5, 2019, Board meeting, for the Orthophosphate project. He showed the Board where staff had made changes to the original plan and had sought to make the project less expensive. The CUO explained that the alternative will have two separate points of application—one of which will require staff to run lines within the plant in order to add orthophosphate at the Central High Service pumping station; and the other will allow the contractor to dig in a different location for water directed to the South High Service pumping station. The CUO informed the Board that this alternative approach will save \$84,054.55 from the original bid price. He said that staff recommends awarding the contract to the original low bidder, Underground Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$278,929.55. He said that then staff will issue a change order to implement the change, which would reduce the project cost to \$194,875.

After a number of questions and comments, members expressed comfort with the proposed project but reservations with awarding it under the original bid and issuing a change order. After learning from staff that the project could be rebid and should still be able to be completed before demand increases for the summer, the Chairman asked that the CUE and CUO rebid the project.

Columbia Township Agreement

The CUE brought a draft of the Columbia Township Agreement for the Board to review prior to the February 18th work session. The Chairman asked the CUE to remind the Board about the agreement. The CUE stated that this was a draft sewer service agreement between Lorain County, LORCO, and Avon Lake Regional Water for Lorain County to collect wastewater from an approximately 5,000 acre area in Columbia Township and transmit it to the LORCO collection system. LORCO would then allow the flow to pass through the LORCO collection system for treatment at the Avon Lake Water Reclamation Facility. Board members indicated that they were supportive of LORCO getting more flow and wanted to assure that the agreement was not overly restrictive. Mr. Abram offered to coordinate Board comments for the meeting on February 18th.

Adjourn

With no other business, the Mr. Abram moved to adjourn, Mr. Rush seconded. The Chairman concluded the work session at 6:50 PM.

Approved _____ 2020.

John Dzwonczyk, Chairman

Todd Danielson, Clerk