

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 9, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Berns

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kaufmann, Charlie Handy, Tom Faella, Gary Harter, Ray Ebert, Dave Lange, Steve Flottmeyer, Brian Meeter, Larry Holgom, Gary Holgom

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2010, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of July 1, 2010
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- c. Update on Solid Waste Evaluation
- d. Monthly Gas to Energy Report

MOTION by Johnson/Benrud to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Supervisor Pfaff reported on the July 18, 2010, Solid Waste Policy Board meeting. Discussions included the haulers' rebate program, the future of waste-to-energy, burning of agricultural silage bags, a regional approach to disposal of emerald ash borer infected woods, pharmaceuticals disposal, Green Tier certification, and 2011 fees.

APPROVE BIDS FOR BITUMINOUS CONCRETE FOR CHIP PROGRAM WORK ON CTH YY FOR 2010

Dennis Osgood reported that County YY is eligible for the County Highway Improvement Program. There was one vendor responding. Mathy Construction bid as follows for approximately 6,000 tons of bituminous concrete for 2010:

RAP Mix – Mathy Plant #86	\$44.86/ton
Warm Asphalt – Mathy Plant #86	\$44.86/ton

MOTION by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve Mathy Construction bid for RAP Mix at \$44.86/ton and Warm Asphalt at \$44.86/ton. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE BIDS FOR PLOW BLADES AND BOLTS

Dennis Osgood provided a breakdown of snow plow items and bid amounts, with the following totals:

US Blade and Chain	\$40,679.56
Gray's Inc.	\$44,370.50
Burke Truck & Equipment	\$47,511.26
Winter Equipment Company	Incomplete

Osgood recommended approving the low bid by US Blade and Chain at \$40,679.56. **MOTION** by Geary/Johnson to approve US Blade and Chain for plow blades and bolts at \$40,679.56. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE COMMUNITY SENSITIVE DESIGN FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY 16 CORRIDOR

Dennis Osgood introduced Steve Flottmeyer, Department of Transportation, who explained that Community Sensitive Design Evaluation (CSD) funds are available for a Highway 16 project between Landfill Road and Veterans Park. He stated the DOT could provide funding for aesthetic designs such as lighting and park benches, or other features to enhance community use. Osgood spoke about a multi-modal trail, and using DOT funds for base rock and paving. The total CSD funds available are \$460,200. The amount is capped, and any CSD eligible item exceeding that amount would have to be funded 100% by the County. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve accepting Community Sensitive Design Funding for Highway 16 Corridor from Landfill Road to Veterans Park. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR ORGANIZED HOCKEY ON LAKE NESHONOC

Jim Speropulos received a request from Brian Meeter, La Crosse Area Sports Commission, to hold organized hockey on Lake Neshonoc. Meeter answered questions from committee about insurance, parking, and beer sales. Speropulos provided conditions for use summarized as follows: Provide certificate of insurance for \$1 million; have participants and spectators sign waiver; conduct event on one weekend in January, 2011; contact other lake event organizers; remove any berms placed on the ice after the event; cancel event if insufficient ice; remove trash or chemical spills. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve La Crosse Area Sports Commission proposal for organized hockey on Lake Neshonoc. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE OKTOBERFEST PARKING

Jim Speropulos stated that only County Lot C was available for fundraisers during Oktoberfest, 2009, due to construction. This year both Lots A and C will be open. He would make space available to county departments to raise funds by selling parking space. **MOTION** by Johnson/Geary to approve Oktoberfest Parking in County Parking Lots A and C. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN ENVISION, LLC, FOR USE OF BIOGAS FOR ENERGY FROM THE LA CROSSE COUNTY LANDFILL

The Resolution approves an agreement with Gundersen Lutheran Envision, LLC, to purchase all biogas from the County landfill for a 15-year term, with the possibility of three five-year renewals. Gundersen Lutheran Envision, LLC, will pay the County \$3.50/MMBtu of biogas for the first eight years, and 50% of natural gas rates based on the most recent three-year rolling average of rates for years 9-15. La Crosse County will purchase, maintain, and install the gas conditioner, compressor, and the pipeline to deliver the gas to the generator. Gundersen Lutheran Envision, LLC, will purchase, maintain, and install the generator that converts the gas to electricity. **MOTION** by Johnson/Pfaff to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Agreement with Gundersen Lutheran Envision, LLC, for Use of Biogas for Energy from the La Crosse County Landfill. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE BID FOR PROCESSING PAD CONSTRUCTION

The following bids were received for construction of the processing pad at the landfill:

St. Joseph Construction Co., Inc.	\$181,675.00
Ellefson Excavating, Inc.	\$247,116.00
ACME Excavating & Plumbing	\$249,800.00

Veit & Company, Inc.	\$267,800.00
Herter Trucking, Inc.	\$293,400.00

Hank Koch recommended St. Joseph Construction Company for the construction. He explained that there are three areas for processing of materials that are diverted from the landfill, including shingles, concrete and asphalt, and wood waste. The three areas will be combined on one pad to minimize traffic issues, and to prevent loss of wood chips in the mud, which could then be sold to Xcel. **MOTION** by Johnson/Spiker to approve St. Joseph Construction Co., Inc., for construction of the landfill processing pad at \$181,675.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

DISCUSS FEE CHANGES – SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

- Blended rates

Hank Koch presented information on Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste. He stated that tipping fees were increased in 2009 due to an increase imposed by the State Department of Natural Resources. Haulers asked to have the increase applied to C&D waste. Koch does not anticipate another fee increase at this time. He provided a table showing separate tipping fees for MSW and C&D waste. If combined for the years 2008-2010, the average fee would equal \$58.82 per ton. Koch suggested a combined rate of \$59.00 per ton. He stated a blended fee would simplify a confusing rate system, and may draw some Municipal Solid Waste that goes to other sites.

- Special Waste Application fees

Randy Nedrelo presented information on special wastes, which are industrial wastes that are evaluated by a process to determine if the contents are appropriate for the landfill. An application fee would partially compensate the department for the time involved to determine if the waste meets criteria for acceptance and the goals and objectives of the landfill, and the appropriate means of disposal, pricing, and codes to be used for recordkeeping and reporting. Nedrelo does on-site visits at businesses that dispose of industrial waste to review the waste contents. He suggested a fee of \$150.00 to be applied if the special waste is accepted. Further discussion was held about the procedure of analyzing C&D waste and industrial waste. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to put blended fees and application fees in the Solid Waste budget. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

DISCUSS REVISIONS TO HAULER REBATE PROGRAM

Hank Koch provided a handout that presented several issues with the current rebate program. Meetings with haulers were conducted to gather suggestions regarding the current program, and they provided feedback that indicated the program is too complicated, and the 10-year obligation term is too long. Koch proposed revisions that would simplify the program, and suggested a one to three year term of obligation with an auto-renewal elective. Koch stated that a simplified system that makes it easier for haulers to apply for and receive rebates could be an incentive to keep waste within the La Crosse County system. Gary Holgom, Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling, stated his business would be very interested in a one-year term. Chair Spiker directed staff to draft a resolution for approval at the September, 2010, meeting. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to bring back a Resolution on the hauler rebate program for the September meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

APPROVE GREEN TIER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Randy Nedrelo reported that the Wisconsin Green Tier Program provides incentives for environmental compliance. If the County commits to it, the advantages of the program would include flexibility, recognition, ability to use the Green Tier brand to build value, lowest inspection rates, and 90 days moratorium to correct violations without enforcement. Hank Koch stated that permit delays cost the County money;

since the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources would assign a specific person as a contact, and the contact person could expedite permits, it would save the County money. Discussion was held regarding which tier to apply for and advantages of each. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson for the Solid Waste Department to join the Wisconsin Green Tier program at Tier One with the option to come back to committee to go to Tier Two. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

**COUNTY PARKS AND LANDFILL TOUR: AUGUST 26, 2010, AT 1:30 P.M.
(MEET AT HIGHWAY SHOP ON HWY. 16)**

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING AND CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
MOTION by Geary/Johnson to hold the next Public Works & Infrastructure Committee meeting on September 8, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Report on landfill Saturday hours

Highway crack repairs

Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Corporation (WMMIC) re: Liability coverage and alcohol sales at events

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Johnson/Benrud to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns absent. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved, September 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder