

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, December 6, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
4:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kaufmann, Bryan Jostad, Dale Hexom, Jim Miles-Polka, Brian Kent, Mark Brose, Rebecca Stenger, Randy Sanford, Wayne Pfaff, Lee Pfaff, Rich Ristow, Bruce Parr, Ida Christenson, Kathy Pietrick, Rick Albrechtson, Mary Holinka Nestingen, Bob Nestingen, David Huntgen, John Zahn, Wally Tranberg, Mary Tranberg, Jamie Klonowski, Bob Talley

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair stated that committee policy was to receive comment under the agenda item.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Benrud/Berns to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2010, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of October 28, 2010
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- c. Solid Waste Director's report, including Gas to Energy report

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

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

REVIEW PARK AND CAMPGROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS: SEASONAL CAMPER CONTRACT, CAMPSITE POLICY, RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The committee and guests received a copy of proposed changes to the campground rules and regulations. Jim Speropulos provided further explanation and asked for questions from the committee. He and Mary Kaufmann clarified that they preferred a minimum of two nights for weekend reservations, but always allowed one-night camping. The Chair then asked for public comment. Kathy Pietrick stated that she felt campers had not been given adequate notice of the meeting. John Zahn asked whether there were different rules for seasonal vs. monthly or weekend campers, and Mary Kaufmann replied that all rules would apply to all campers. There were no further questions or comments. **MOTION** by Johnson/Benrud to approve the Park and Campground Rules and Regulations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RETIREMENT OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Steve O'Malley announced that Dennis Osgood will be retiring in early January, 2011. The committee and O'Malley thanked Osgood for his outstanding service, and Osgood thanked the committee, O'Malley, and Keith Back for their years of support. O'Malley reviewed the upcoming application and interview process.

APPROVE 2011 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH DOT

Dennis Osgood provided copies of the routine maintenance agreement with the state Department of Transportation. The agreement is for \$1,712,500, including labor, equipment, materials, and administrative costs. **MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to approve the 2011 maintenance agreement with DOT. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE 8TH ANNUAL FAMILY YMCA/TOUCHSTONE ENERGY TRIATHLON AT NESHONOC SWARTHOUT PARK

Jim Speropulos presented the request from the Family YMCA and Touchstone Energy to hold their annual triathlon to benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign at Lake Neshonoc and Swarthout Park on June 12, 2011, and recommended approval. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Johnson to approve the 8th Annual Family YMCA/Touchstone Energy Triathlon at Neshonoc Swarthout Park. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE LAKE NESHONOC EVENTS: ICE FISHING DERBY, SPORTS CAR CLUB OF LA CROSSE, RIDGERUNNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB AND PRO VINTAGE RACING, AND (ALREADY APPROVED) POND HOCKEY THROUGH LA CROSSE AREA SPORTS COMMISSION

Jim Speropulos presented requests from several organizations to hold events at Lake Neshonoc during winter months in 2011, and stated Mary Kaufmann had worked out a calendar to accommodate all groups. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve 2011 Lake Neshonoc winter events, i.e. Ice Fishing Derby, Sports Car Club of La Crosse, Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club and Pro Vintage Racing, and Pond Hockey through La Crosse Area Sports Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE 2011 WISCONSIN CLEAN SWEEP GRANT

Randy Nedrelo reported that the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is providing grant funding in 2011 for the Clean Sweep Program. The total grant amount is \$108,000.00. He stated the grant covers five other counties where the Solid Waste Department holds clean sweep events, and also the Household Hazardous Materials program. **MOTION** by Johnson/Berns to accept the 2011 Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant for \$108,000.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION ON SELECTION OF THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT CONSULTANT

Bryan Jostad reported on the selection process and the selection committee recommendation. The candidate field was narrowed from nine to three, and interviews of the final three were conducted by a team consisting of two County Board supervisors, the Highway Commissioner, and staff representing the Finance Department, Solid Waste Department, and Corporation Counsel. The Solid Waste director provided technical input only. Points were awarded on vendor qualifications (50 points), scope of work (100 points), cost (100 points), and interview (250 points) for a total of 500 points. Points awarded and the total cost per company were as follows:

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| SEH | 450 points | \$135,400 |
| Foth | 439 points | \$126,740 |
| Ayres | 413 points | \$109,060 |

The team recommended SEH to provide engineering consultant services, based on their commitment to the La Crosse County community, knowledge of long-term issues, their national expertise, and their new perspective on meeting future challenges. The contract is for five years beginning February 1, 2011. Jim Miles-Polka spoke on behalf of Foth, and thanked the committee for the past 12 years that Foth has consulted with La Crosse County, and assured a smooth transition. Foth

will continue to consult on the Gas to Energy project. Mark Brose spoke on behalf of SEH, and introduced the team that would be based in La Crosse. Hank Koch gave further explanation of the selection process, which included a hypothetical case scenario. He emphasized that no applicant failed the review process, but SEH stood out. Supervisor Berns asked fellow County Board members if they felt the selection should go through County Board, and consensus of the members was that the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee was best informed about the Solid Waste Department's issues and challenges, and therefore best qualified to make a decision. Steve O'Malley stated that the procedure follows County ordinance. Chair Spiker thanked the selection committee for the time they gave to a lengthy process. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve SEH as the Solid Waste consultant for five years. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR ELIMINATING WISCONSIN DNR FEES REGARDING WASTE RESIDUE RESOURCES FROM THE NSP FRENCH ISLAND FACILITY

The Resolution states that the Wisconsin DNR currently imposes fees on waste disposal. The NSP's RDF plant falls under the statutory definition of refuse-derived fuel used for a renewable facility. An amendment to the statute would result in exempting waste residue from a RDF facility from WDNR fees at the County landfill. The Resolution supports the exemption. Hank Koch provided further explanation of how the residue is winnowed from the RDF process and goes to the landfill, and spoke about how it is renewable energy. He stated that an exemption can make the landfill more competitive. He reported that Xcel's lobbyists will help with presenting to legislators. **MOTION** by Berns/Pfaff to approve the Resolution Re: Support for Eliminating Wisconsin DNR Fees Regarding Waste Residue Resources from the NSP French Island Facility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE SCHROEDER PROPERTY ON STATE ROAD 16 (STAFF REQUESTS ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS)

The Resolution was referred back to committee by the County Board. Staff requested an additional 30 days to allow time to research questions raised by the County Board before reporting back to committee. **MOTION** by Johnson/Berns to approve a 30 day extension. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING AND CONFLICT WITH WCHA WINTER CONFERENCE

Committee consensus was to hold the next meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Johnson/Berns to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Approved, January 11, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder