

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2015
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Bill Alt, Barb Bernard, Matt Cordova, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, Bud O'Hara, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Administrator Rick Kidd, Attorney Don Banner

Guests: Kim Kock, NorthStar Engineering
Earl Wilkinson, City of Pueblo Director of Public Works
Carol Clark, Pate Construction
Dillon Thurston, Swerdfeger Construction
Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain
Shanna Lewis, Colorado Public Radio

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order at 10:31 am. A quorum was present.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 25, 2015 regular meeting were reviewed. O'Hara moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Public Forum:

None

Treasurer's Report:

The February 2015 accountant's compilation report was reviewed. Bernard moved to receive and file the compilation reports. Motion passed

Kidd explained that the current payment to ASI Constructors is more than the balance in the ABC Bank Account. Therefore, there is a \$275,000 check to transfer money from the Vectra checking account to the ABC construction account. Kidd reported that he had reviewed ASI's request for payment and that he is comfortable with it. Kock affirmed that the quantities are being field verified via survey documentation and neat-line calculations. Kock said that the remaining balance to finish the construction is approximately \$600,000. O'Hara moved to approve payment of the bills. Motion passed.

Bills – The following bills were posted for review and approval:

\$ 375.00	MBD&G, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	Banner and Bower, Attorney fees
\$ 1,200.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 3,255.00	Kidd Engineering, Levee Construction Meetings, CA/CO, Special Meetings and Presentations
\$ 200.00	Alt, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Bernard, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Koehler, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Maroney, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	O'Hara, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 1,050.00	NorthStar Engineering, Task D Design, Permitting and Regulatory Approvals Contract

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\$ 28,404.50	NorthStar Engineering, Task E Construction Support Services, Geotechnical Testing, Staking, As-Builts Contract
\$ 1,160.00	NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Fund Assessment State Assessed Tiers and Valuations
\$ 300.00	Garren Ross and DeNardo, Form 8038-G, Consultation, Postage
\$275,000.00	ABC Bank, Transfer Funds to Construction Account
\$1,261,521.57	ASI Constructors, Arkansas River Levee Phase 1 – PR#4
\$ 9,787.47	ASI Constructors, Pueblo Sales Tax Liability – PR#1

President's Report –

Willumstad briefed the Board on the meeting that he, O'Hara, Kidd, and Kock attended at the City Manager's Office. City representatives were Manager Sam Azad and Counsel Members Chris Nicholl and Steve Nawrocki. Nicholl said that they requested the meeting because the building trades union came to them with concerns about the Phase 1 bid and contract award process. The advertisement and selection process was explained to the City. They requested that future contracts require payment of prevailing wages and that the City and County both be given the opportunity to review the solicitation documents for the next contract. They also requested that we follow standard criteria of the union's Best Value Contracting Practices. Willumstad said that he agreed to disclose the proposed solicitation documents to them and to the contractors prior to advertisement, we will consider provisions in the Best Practices manual, and that there will not be a local preferences credit. Don Banner said that he is trying to coordinate a meeting with Neal Hall, Business Manager for the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Kock said that the selection committee has met once and is working on a new process.

The Pueblo Conservancy District was given notice of a claim for injuries due to an incident on the bike trail. The City has forwarded the claim to CIRSA and to ASI for their insurance carrier to review. Kock said that the incident allegedly happened on the first day of the closure and under the 11th Street / Railroad bridge. Both the City and NorthStar have documented the conditions at the site, closure postings, etc.

Administrator's Report –

None

Fountain Creek Committees Reports –

Maroney reported that they have had elections to the Technical Advisory Committee. This committee will be making recommendations for expenditures to the Board.

Arkansas River Levee Construction Contract –

NorthStar – Kock reported that concrete placements should be completed next week. Dealing with rain and ground water has slowed the process. The main problem has been ground water coming in from the City side of the Levee. It is anticipated that most of the work will be completed in a couple of weeks. There have not be any concrete tests that failed. In fact, the concrete has been attaining 28-day strength within seven days. One load of concrete was rejected because too much time had elapsed since it was batched at the plant. ASI has been following the concrete placements by saw cutting the control joints, cleaning them, and then filling with caulk. The saw cutting has been well controlled, with the lines being straight and true. The bicycle trail will be restored and the haul trail will be topped with gravel per the City of Pueblo requirements. The Pueblo Board of Water Works has expressed a willingness to work with the District to defer the complete rebuild of their road until the end of construction. Banner said he is developing an amendment to the existing access agreement to provide for this

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extension. He suggested that the Board approve for Willumstad to sign the amendment as soon as the details are worked out with the Water Board. O'Hara so moved. Motion passed.

Earth taken off of the top of the Levee has been stockpiled and is available for the City's use on the 11th Street Bridge. Wilkinson said that he expects work to begin sometime between September and November of this year. Kock said that he has also been talking with Flat Iron Construction and they are very interested in acquiring the remaining excess soil. Flat Iron is the contractor that CDOT selected for the I-25 Ilex Design-Build project. They would take the soil off of the Levee themselves.

Willumstad requested Kidd to prepare a thank you letter to the Board of Water Works and have it available for all of the Board members to sign at the next meeting.

Levee Mural Policy –

Koehler said that the only response she received back on the draft she sent out to the Board was from Kidd. She wants to have a community meeting with the artists. She expects to revise the draft to incorporate some of the concepts that they may offer. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Center. O'Hara asked if the Board should draft a full set of PCD policies.

Koehler said that she is also working with Steven Meier and a fellow from Denver on recreation improvement concepts. Kock asked if he could be involved.

Old Business:

CORA Policy – Banner will send out a new draft for the Board to review prior to the next meeting.

Non-Profit Maintenance Fund Assessments – Bernard has been doing some research for data to be used to explain to the non-profits why they the District is to their benefit and should be subject to the maintenance fund assessment.

New Business:

Weed Control -- Kidd presented a proposal from Chem-Way for applying weed control sterilant on the Union Station side of the Levee, and for spraying other areas. O'Hara moved to approve the \$2320 proposal. Motion passed. Kidd said that the County used to participate in an agreement for applying sterilant on the River side of the concrete levee face. That agreement expired last year, so Kidd will contact Colorado Vegetation Management to get a proposal for this year.

Blight Study – Banner said that the City is conducting a blight study on the lower west side of Town. Construction of the Wildhorse Levee should be coordinated with the City for plans in this area. Wilkinson said that they are currently looking at initial studies and it will take about 18 months for them to be done.

Other Business:

It is anticipated that an executive session may be needed and several of the Board members will not be able to attend the on the April 22 meeting date. The meeting date was changed to April 30, 2015.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

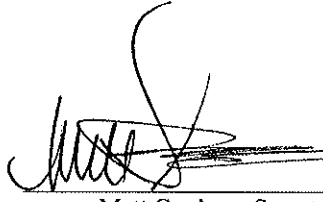
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The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next regular meeting date will be April 30, 2015, at 10:00 am.

APPROVED:



Paul Willumstad, President



Matt Cordova, Secretary