

COMMISSION MEETING

May 25, 2011

CDRPC Conference Room

One Park Place, Suite 102

Albany, New York 12205

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Brown, Bill Bruce, John Graziano, Michael Whalen, Judy Breselor, Stan Brownell, James Shaughnessy, Mike Stammel, Fred Acunto, Phil Barrett, Jason Kemper, John Murray, Barbara Mauro, Michael Petta

ABSENT: Lucille McKnight, Leon Fiacco, Paul Sausville, Robert Godlewski, Gary Hughes, David Vincent

PRESIDING: Barbara Mauro, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

1. Welcome/ Introduction of Guests

Alan Walther from Bonadio & Co. was in attendance.

2. March 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were distributed before the meeting. No corrections were made.

Action Taken

John Murray made a motion to approve the minutes, and Fred Acunto seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Financial Statement through April 30, 2011

The financial statement represents activities through April 30, 2011. The revenues are at 34% and the expenses are at 29.5%. There is approximately \$161,455 cash in the bank and outstanding receivables totaling just over \$68,465.

The first quarter invoices were sent out to the appropriate billing agencies for CDYCI, CSO, Water Quality, and the UPWP work programs.

Action Taken

Jim Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the Financial Statements as presented and Mike Stammel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. 2010 Audit Report, Presentation by the Bonadio Group

A copy of the FY-2010 Draft Audit Report prepared by The Bonadio Group was sent out prior to the meeting for review.

Alan Walther went over the Audit Report with the Board. Included in the Audit Report is a Management Discussion and Analysis that provides an overview of the financial activities for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Action Taken

Mike Stammel made a motion to accept the 2010 Audit Report and Judy Breselor seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Water Quality Funding Approval

CDRPC recently received notification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) that we have been awarded a four year grant renewal to receive monies under Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. CDRPC has been approved to receive up to \$419,821.50 for the four year period beginning April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2015. CDRPC was awarded \$130,321.50 for the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 and \$82,489.05 for the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. These represent a 30% cut from the requested amount. Grant monies available for Years 3 and 4 will be dependent upon funding availability under the Clean Water Act.

The proposed work program places priority on the following set of core activities: assisting County Water Quality Coordinating Committees, working with the Mohawk River Basin Watershed Management Plan on planning for Green Infrastructure, and continuing to provide support for New York State's MS4 Phase II Stormwater Permit Program.

Additional activities, in addition to the core tasks include a Dissolved Oxygen TMDL study for the Watervliet Reservoir, which has already begun with DEC. The second activity is a study of the Patroon Creek at the Tivoli Lake in the City of Albany. Both the City of Albany and the Albany County Sewer District are interested in daylighting the Patroon Creek and reconnecting the Creek to Tivoli Lake. Due to the frequency of flooding, the proximity of a Sewer District Inceptor, and potential environmental justice issues, this project is viewed as critical by the City and Sewer District. Both DEC Regions 4 and 5 fully supported our application and the proposed activities. The actual scope of work will depend upon funding availability.

Commission approval via a resolution is being requested "To allow the Executive Director to accept the Award, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit Project documentation, and act on behalf of CDRPC in all matters related to the Project and State assistance".

Jack Murray asked for an update on the funding coming in over the next 2-3 years as that information becomes available. Rocky will provide the Commission a revised scope of work to reflect actual funding amounts that have been awarded once we receive official notification and approval from DEC.

Mike Stammel inquired if there are any immediate hazards at Tivoli Lake that are not being dealt with at this time. The Albany County Sewer District is monitoring activity along the entire system. Albany County has been very aggressive in pursuing where the problem points are and taking care of those issues.

Action Taken

Mike Whalen made a motion to accept the funding award and authorize Rocky to execute the contract. Phil Barrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. 2010 Decennial Census Presentation

Rocky gave a presentation outlining the population trends associated with the recently released data from the 2010 Decennial Census.

A copy of the presentation is included.

7. LTCP – CSO Update

A technical Advisory Committee meeting was held with DEC on March 31, 2011 to recap the results of the modeled scenarios and review the preliminary list of proposed controls. As currently proposed, LTCP related mitigation costs are expected to be approximately \$110 million which is much less than anticipated.

A proposed project listing and proposed implementation schedule were submitted to DEC for their review and comments. DEC approved the proposed projects however the proposed schedule will be dependent upon the final agreed to management structure. According to the EPA affordability guidelines, the \$110 million program falls within the “affordable” range, costing less than 2% of median household income, therefore an extended implementation schedule is unlikely.

Rocky and Ray Rudolph have met individually with the Mayors and County Executives in each of the six communities to discuss the findings and alternative management structures for project implementation.

There is a Public Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2011 at Hudson Valley Community College at 7:00pm to provide the general public with an update of the status of the plan, proposed projects that are identified in the plan and the proposed schedule.

John Brown inquired how the expense of implementation will be distributed among the six communities. Rocky responded that all of the communities have expressed an interest in an inter-municipal strategy, assuming project costs can be distributed in a manner consistent with their individual responsibilities.

Barbara Mauro inquired about the EPA affordability guidelines and what they are based on. The affordability guidelines are primarily based on the median household income of the householders in relation to actual and projected sewer rate payments.

8. Local Government Planning & Zoning Workshop

There is a Local Planning & Zoning Workshop scheduled for June 15, 2011 from 8:00 to 3:00 PM at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center at Hudson Valley Community College. To meet the requirements of the recently adopted stormwater discharge rules and regulations, the training session is concentrated on stormwater management with a focus on green infrastructure.

9. Staff Activity Report

The Staff Activity Report was distributed before the meeting. There was no discussion.

10. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

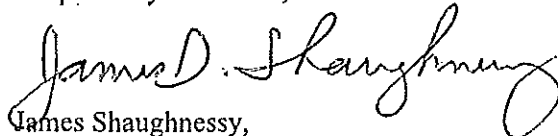
11. Next Meeting Date

The next CDRPC Commission meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2011 at 8:30AM.

Adjournment

John Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stan Brownell seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


James Shaughnessy,
Secretary