

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Award of Contract: Trench Pavement Replacement

The District received one bid for this project from Eric Onstott Construction (Onstott) for \$187,730.00. Onstott did not change their per ton price for asphalt since 2022. There was a slight increase in the mobilize/demobilize charge. The Committee recommended awarding the Trench Pavement Replacement Contract to Eric Onstott Construction for \$187,730.00.

4. Award of Contract: Master Service Agreement Wells/Boosters

On January 28, 2025, two water well contractors responded to the District's Request for Proposal for Maintenance, Repair and Rehabilitation of Water Wells and Booster Pumps. Each contractor submitted hourly rates for regular and emergency labor and hourly rates for equipment. Based on the rates submitted, staff is recommending the District sign contracts with both Layne Christensen (primary) and Best Drilling and Pump (secondary). When the primary contractor is not available, the secondary contractor will be contacted.

The Committee recommended the Board award contracts to both Layne Christensen and Best Drilling and Pump.

5. Award of Contract: GHD for Dune 3 Project, Construction and Grant Management

GHD is an engineering consulting firm that will be handling the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company consolidation project. GHD has been working with the State to apply for the funding and complete the design. The agreement between the District and GHD will be for project and grant management

as well as construction inspection, bidding, grant administration and construction administration. GHD will be paid by the grant funding. Their proposal also includes compaction testing which will be performed by a third party. The amount of their proposal is \$746,664.00. The projected is estimated to take a total of 8 months with 6 months of field work. The Committee recommended signing the agreement with GHD for the Dune 3 consolidation project but wants to be sure the entire Board has a chance to read the contract and ask questions at the next Board meeting.

6. Contract Approval: District Contract with Hometown Water Association

Staff is waiting for legal review of the Dune 3 contract which will then be revised for Hometown. This item may be ready for the Board next week.

7. Contract Approval: District Contract with Dune 3 Mutual Water Company

Staff is waiting for legal review and may have this agreement ready for full Board review during the next Board meeting.

8. Solar Sites Security: Discussion

Staff received prices from three companies that can provide security systems at the solar sites. Staff has chosen the lowest priced system and is moving forward with a pilot study at the largest site to gauge the effectiveness of the system in preventing theft. The pilot study will be for one year. The cost is within the purchase authority of the General Manager.

9. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

Staff has reviewed a draft proposal from Kreiger & Stewart. Legal counsel is completing a letter that will be presented at the next City Council meeting requesting permission to move forward with obtaining access to the wastewater effluent. The District does not want to move forward with spending money on a feasibility study if ultimately it cannot obtain access to the effluent.

10. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

Currently the contractor is coordinating fencing repairs with their subcontractor and Navy security. The District is also negotiating the final items needed to finish the project, including removal of a trash bag that was sucked into the pipeline during a flushing event. The bag had been temporarily covering an external opening and was drain into the pipeline. Staff will be speaking with the contractor and State Water Resources Control Board this afternoon and then working with the contractor on a plan to locate the bag for removal.

11. Water System Consolidations: Update

Potholing to finish the Hometown design is being done this week. Potholing has been completed for Phase 2 design of the Rademacher project. Staff will soon be scheduling pipe installation for Phase 1. The plan is to get everything installed except for the connection to Springer Ave which can occur

when the NW Transmission line is available. Staff spoke with Stetson and Self-Help Enterprises about another small water system (Stark Street) and the possibility of consolidation. They are located southwest of Dune 3 and the IWVGA is considering funding their consolidation due to the well going dry.

No new information from the State regarding the Inyokern Community Services District.

12. Arsenic Plants: Update

Staff had planned to begin vacuuming out old media today at Plant 2, but the vacuum truck broke down in Palmdale on its way here. A new truck is planned for arrival tomorrow.

13. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.