

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael McNally - Chair
Nicholas Marchelos – Vice Chair
Jonathan Campbell
Thomas Vitello
George Morreale



Regular Meeting of the
Niagara Falls Water Board

for
April 17, 2008 - 5:30 PM at
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant

Roll Call: *Nicholas Marchelos called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

Campbell P Marchelos P Morreale P Vitello A McNally A

Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale to approve. Motion was carried 3-0.

Campbell Y Vitello A McNally A Morreale Y Marchelos Y

Public Speakers: (All speakers must register with Chairman prior to Roll Call and are limited to 5 minutes per person – total minutes not to exceed 1 hour)

No Speakers

Presentations:

SMSI Consolidation Grant – Stephen Waldvogel – CRA

Items for Action from the Executive Director:

Item #1 – WWTP Rehabilitation Planning – NYSERDA Agreement: Request to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for energy-related portions of URS’ current scope of work for Rehabilitation Phase 3 services.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 3-0.

Campbell Y Vitello A McNally A Morreale Y Marchelos Y

Item #2 – Falls Street Tunnel I/I Reduction Predesign Evaluation: Request to award the Falls Street Tunnel I/I Reduction Predesign Evaluation to URS Corp. for their not-to-exceed cost of \$153,535 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute agreement for same. Funds are available in the Falls Street Tunnel Capital Improvement Fund.

Please note. Chairman informally polled the members to express support for the recommended selection – All present were in favor. It was agreed to put this item on the May agenda with the proposed contract for a formal vote.

Item #3 –Request the Purchase of 5 New Handheld Meter Reading Devices and Additional Operating Equipment: Request to approve purchase of handheld meter reading units and related equipment for \$33,350. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 3-0.

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Item #4 –Repair of the North Sludge Thickener Drives: Request to repair worm gear drives for the North Thickener to Hi-Tech Environmental a sole source vendor for these repairs for a price of \$36,744.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Marchelos and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 3-0.

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Item #5 – Contingent Approval of Hyde Park Boulevard Water Valve Replacement Contract: Request to authorize the Executive Director to award bid and execute agreements for the replacement of four large valves in Hyde Park Boulevard scheduled for bid opening April 29, 2008 and contingent upon the low responsible bid amount being less than 103% of engineers estimate, as well as receiving favorable recommendations from the Engineer and Board Counsel. Funds are available in the 2007 & 2008 Capital Improvement Budget.

It was agreed that the Executive Director will poll members when a bid recommendation is received so work can commence expeditiously. Formal approval will be requested at the May Board Meeting 5/15/08.

Item #6 – Approval of the Claim Resolution of Richard Barber: Request Board approval of the Negotiated Settlement of a Property damage claim filed against the NFWB.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 3-0.

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Item #7 – Approval of the Litigation Settlement of National Fuel Gas: Request Board approval of the Negotiated Settlement of Litigation filed against the NFWB.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 3-0.

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Informational Items:

1. Bank Transfer Activity
2. Cash Disbursements
3. Schedule of Investments
4. O& M Report

Additional Items for Water Board Discussion:

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Morreale to enter into an Executive Session at 6: 28 pm on potential litigation. Motion was carried 3-0.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Marchelos to adjourn meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion was carries 3-0.

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