Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

May 9, 2017

Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held a special meeting at 11:30 am Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Rogers Water Administration Building. Present were Commissioners Kathy McClure, Roger Surly, Don Kendall and Mike Watkins. Commissioner Travis Greene arrived late. Present was Rogers Water Utilities staff Earl Rausch, Brent Dobler, Brian Sartain, Todd Beaver, Joyce Johnson, Jene’ Huffman-Gilreath, Jennifer Lattin, Vera Hall, and Donna Wilson. Others in attendance were Robert Frazier of the Frazier Law Firm. Chairman Surly called the special meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Chairman Surly recognized Todd Beaver, RPCF Manager to present Resolution No. 17-14 authorizing Rogers Water Utilities to contract with Denali Water Solutions, LLC on a temporary basis for hauling of sewage sludge from the Rogers Pollution Control Facility and beneficial reuse of the sewage sludge through land application; authorizing expenditure of funds for the services; and waiving competitive bidding. Beaver explained that the sludge dryer is temporarily out of service and RPCF is rapidly running out of storage space for sewage sludge. Beaver said that extreme efforts are presently being made to restore the sludge dryer to functional state. Chairman Surly asked Beaver to provide a brief account of the past events leading to the current situation. After scheduled maintenance was completed, the sludge dryer would not start up and continued to fault the circuit breakers. The solids were being stored as troubleshooting efforts continued. As a proactive measure, management of the Rogers Water Utilities feels there is an immediate need to remove sewage sludge from the RPCF on a temporary basis until the sludge dryer becomes functional and a firm is in place to purchase and remove dried biosolids from the RPCF. Commissioner Don Kendall asked about the removal schedule. Beaver said that due to weather restrictions, has expectations of moving 2 loads per day. Staff recommends approval of the proposal from Denali Water Solutions, LLC for a minimum volume of 400 wet tons with a unit price of $86.22 per ton in the amount of $34,488. After much discussion, Commissioner Don Kendall made a motion, second by Commissioner Kathy McClure to approve Resolution No. 17-14 in the amount of $34,488 for the agreement with Denali Water Solutions, LLC. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Surly adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Rausch, Acting Secretary/djw

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