



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 7, 2020

8:30 A.M.

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Meeting Room Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Vonk, Antor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Paul Smith, WTE Operations Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Becky Dyer, Division Financial Supervisor; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Kristen Wieland, Marketing & Communications Manager; Lauren Westerman, Resource Recovery Specialist; Katelynn Nettler, Resource Recovery Specialist; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Constance Westgate, Environmental Engineer Technician; Craig Paull, Assistant Corporate Counsel II; Calvin Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; John Van Tholen, Van Tholen & Associates; Steve Faber, Byrum & Fisk; Russ Boersma, Arrowwaste; James Hurt, City of Grand Rapids; Pat Greve, Waste Management; Diane Druckenmiller, Arrowwaste; Charles Hauser, Granger Waste Services

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Emily Brieve.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Monetary Outlays

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Antor and seconded by Commissioner Janes to approve the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

III. Administration

A. Administrative Offices – Construction Manager – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. DPW administrative office/Safechem service center facility schematic design and construction documents are being prepared by Progressive AE. A construction manager is recommended at this time to develop preconstruction cost estimates, constructability and bid document review and move to project management during the construction phase with the approval of the total project cost by the Board of Public Works later this year.

Eleven proposals were received by Kent County Purchasing (RFP 4011) and evaluated by a team from Purchasing, Facilities Management and Public Works. Four companies were selected as most responsive to the project needs, were interviewed and requested to submit cost proposals. Based on proposal responsiveness, services, project staffing, references and cost proposals, Granger Construction Company was selected.

The review team recommends Granger Construction Company to provide construction management services and will be available to answer questions.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Vonk and seconded by Commissioner Janes to approve Granger Construction Company to provide construction management services for the administrative/SafeChem facility at a cost not-to-exceed \$356,082.

The Action Request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

IV. Solid Waste Operations

A. WTE Ash Monofill Expansion – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The 2020 Ash Landfill Liner Expansion will complete the 6-foot tall berm expansion around the Ash Monofill at the South Kent Landfill - the second phase of a two-phase project, with the first phase completed in 2018.

The expansion is consistent with the Construction Permit Application approved by the MDEQ (EGLE) in September 2017 and maximizes the capacity of the monofill, adding approximately 10 years of airspace capacity to its life.

A single bid from Catskill Remedial Contracting for \$788,519.19 was received by Kent County Purchasing (RFQ 4004).

Staff recommends awarding the construction contract for the 2020 South Kent Landfill Ash Liner Extension Project to Catskill Remedial Contracting in the amount of \$788,519.19, the sole responsive bid.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Yonker and seconded by Commissioner Janes to approve Catskill Remedial Contracting in the amount of \$788,519.19 for construction of the 2020 South Kent Ash Landfill Liner Expansion Project in accordance with RFQ 4004 and its associated addenda.

The Action Request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

B. SKL Stormwater Improvement Project – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. The South Kent Landfill has four (4) stormwater detention ponds to provide stormwater storage, reduce stormwater flow rate offsite and improve overall stormwater quality. Over the years, silt has accumulated in the ponds and reduced storage capacity, reducing storage capacity, reduced stormwater residence time, higher release flow rates and less desirable stormwater quality. This project will address many of those issues needed to maintain compliance with the stormwater permit.

Improvement to all four (4) stormwater detention ponds include a reduced flow discharge structure (with throttling valve), overflow structure and associated discharge piping. Two of the four ponds will be excavated to their final volume in accordance with

the Construction Permit Application for the South Kent Landfill approved by EGLE in 2017. A project plan is attached for reference.

Kent County Purchasing Division received two bids (RFQ 4003) - Oetman Excavating LLC in the amount of \$1,131,459.60 and Catskill Remedial Contracting in the amount of 805,536.91. Staff recommends awarding the project to Catskill Remedial Contracting, the low responsive bid.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Yonker to award Catskill Remedial Contracting the construction contract for the South Kent Landfill – 2020 Stormwater Improvement Project in the amount of \$805,536.91.

The Action Request was approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Brieve, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Vonk, Antor

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

V. Accounting & Finance

A. 2019 Financial Review

Director Baas reviewed the 2019 Financial Review from the PowerPoint Presentation (five slides). Here are some highlights:

- Expenses for 2019 was \$44,748,004 and it was broken down into three areas:
 1. Administration – \$1,630,296
 2. Solid Waste Operations – \$19,121,285
 3. Waste to Energy – \$23,996,423
- Last year, DPW signed a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement with Consumers Energy. The new rate is approximately \$82.00 per MWH.
- The Waste to Energy (WTE) total revenue budget for 2019 was \$21,952,000. The Actual budget was \$22,043,322.
- WTE had a three-weeks outage which was unable to produce energy for revenue and DPW signed a Power Purchase agreement with Consumers Energy in December 2019 which was retroactive starting in June 2019. In addition, the amount of cost associated with transferring 2,000 tons out of WTE was \$376,424.
- The Solid Waste Division total revenue budget for 2019 was \$20,254,600. The Actual budget was \$22,466,085.
- The Materials Recycling Facility total revenue budget for 2019 was \$4,455,500. The Actual budget was \$3,501,376.

VI. Director's Report

Director Baas provide three brief updates:

- The Recycling and Education Center and the drop off site at the North Kent Transfer Station opened on Monday, May 18th.
- The Health Department and Human Resources reached out to all departments looking for some additional assistance on COVID Contact Tracking. DPW has three staff dedicating a portion of their workweek to assisting HR and the Health Department in a larger effort to help with tracing of COVID.
- DPW is beginning to plan and open services that was temporarily suspended. This will be in accordance with the County Administration and various executive orders from the Governor.

VII. Public Comment/Miscellaneous

Chair Emily Brieve expressed appreciation for the different bid reports and extra information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.