

## Northwest Arkansas Conservation Authority

### Minutes

The NACA Board of Directors met for its regular meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members present were Mick Wagner, George Spence, Jack McHaney, Bruce McElroy, Mayor Robert McCaslin, John Ratzki, Larry Fletcher, Robert Hukill, Frank Holzkamper. Staff members present were John Sampier, Michael Lindsey and Charles Harwell.

Others present were Britt Vance, Steve Yonker, Chuck Nickle, Mike Roberts, Mike Bender, and Shep Russell.

On a motion by Mayor McCaslin and a second by Mr. McHaney, the previous minutes were unanimously approved.

Michael Lindsey presented the Financial Report which was approved as submitted.

Items for consideration:

**BUDGET** – Michael Lindsey presented a proposed budget for the first six months of 2010. A revised budget will be presented in May for the remainder of 2010 as we prepare to hire staff and become operational late in the year.

Approximately \$200,000 in GIF Funds will be received shortly after the first of the year. The audit amount listed is the total amount needed for the annual audit. The health insurance line item includes three months for the new plant manager who will begin in April, 2010. The general liability amount is higher as the facility is now under construction. Proposals for general liability will be solicited later in 2010. The office equipment is increased for needs of the incoming plant manager. The salary item includes the Executive Director and three months for the plant manager. The User Committee has reviewed the proposed budget and recommends it to the board. On a motion by Spence and a second by McHaney, the budget was unanimously approved.

**BOND RESOLUTION** – Mr. Russell reported that we will draw down all of the money in 2010. The Memorandum of Agreement in July for the remaining \$5,000,000 will be drawn down as well. He reported that the actual expenditures could come in under the total amount and can be adjusted as necessary. Closing will occur as the funds are needed. Interest begins accruing in July,

2011. On a motion by McCaslin and a second by Spence, the Bond Resolution was unanimously approved.

**ENGINEERING REPORTS** – Mr. Yonker reported that his report had already been distributed to the board. The Construction Permit for T-2 (advanced filtration) will go on public notice either this week or the following week. In reporting on bids for T-2, Mr. Yonker reported that taking into account the deduction for the removal of the original filtration, the cost is approximately \$3,500,000. Mr. Yonker recommended the low bid submitted by BRB Construction. There is a deduction in the bid if Blue Water technology is chosen over Parkson technology. Mr. Yonker reported that Parkson is the inventor of the 2-stage process and has the process patented. After discussion on the two technologies, Spence moved that the low bid submitted by BRB Construction be accepted without the deduction. Second by Mayor McCaslin. Motion approved unanimously.

Chuck Nickle and Britt Vance made the USI Engineering report which had been emailed previously to board members. They reported that three Crossland crews are now working on their transmission line and making good progress. Initial problems seem to be resolved. The project is 40% complete. It was reported that Rosetta is making good progress on the pump station. Problems were encountered on two crossings that could not be bored, and that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved stream crossings for those two sites. The archaeological final report has been submitted to the Corps of Engineers. Rosetta is approximately one-third completed. Problems with rock are still hampering their efforts. Both projects are scheduled to be completed well ahead of the facility completion. USI has 2 ½ people on the sites at all times. Two change orders were presented for board consideration: (1) Crossland has asked for a contract extension of 78 days due to problems encountered with water, rock, and a low water bridge crossing. USI recommends an extension of 40 days. The completion date will be in July. Motion by Spence, second by Fletcher to approve a 40-day extension. Motion passed unanimously. (2) Six work change directives from Rosetta for a total of a deduction of \$6100. Motion by McCaslin, second by Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

**WETLANDS** – Question asked concerning any progress in the pursuit of a constructed wetlands. Sampier reported continuing talks with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Arkansas Highway Department and ANRC.

On a motion by McCaslin and a second by Spence, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Due to a previous commitment by Mr. Lindsey, he was excused from the meeting after the financial report and budget discussion. The meeting minutes were taken in his absence by Mr. Sampier.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sampier