

Tilton Northfield Water District

Commissioner's Meeting

14 Academy Street, Tilton, NH

Monday, October 28th, 2024

4:00pm.

Minutes Draft

In Attendance:

Commissioner Chair Roland Seymour, Commissioner Arthur Demass, Commissioner Steve Partridge, Superintendent John Chase, Charlene Smith, Rene LaBranche (Stantec), Rick Skarinka(NHDES).

Call to Order:

Commissioner Roland Seymour called the meeting to order at 4pm. There were 0 members of the public present.

Public Comment:

None

Review of Minutes:

None

Treasurer's Report:

None

Superintendent's Report (John Chase):

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Stantec (Rene LaBranche)

The Water Treatment Plant bids came in significantly above the available budget. Of the four interested contractors only two submitted bids. In order to advance the project the district will need to secure additional funding and/or reduce the scope of the project.

Additional funding option

1. ARPA funds: If available, they need to be spent by EOY 2025
2. Municipal bond bank: Rate of loans ~3%
3. Groundwater trust: Provides loans & grants

Our previous rate increase, and the TNFD court decision, would allow us to take on additional loans without increasing rates. We need a new price before the annual meeting in April in order to get the additional authority to borrow for bond bank money.

Evaluate project scope and cost

1. Negotiate with the low bidder, Penta, to see if we can reduce the scope and cost.
2. Reject the 2 bids in order to repackage and rebid the project
 - a. Formal value engineering process
 - i. Hire another engineering firm to review the Stantec design
 - b. Contractor value engineering process
 - i. Hire a GC, and subcontractors, with WTP experience to review the Stantec design
3. Investigate bidder pool:
 - a. Reach out to 8 or 9 contractors to get their insight on the project scope and timeframe.
 - b. Start new bid process in January

Commissioner Partridge motioned to authorize Stantec to open a dialogue with Penta Corporation to negotiate the bid. Seconded by Commissioner Demass. All in favor. Motion carried.

Non Public:

None

Next Meeting:

November 4th, 2024 4:00 PM

Adjournment:

With nothing further, at 5:30pm Commissioner Seymour motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Partridge. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Langione, District Clerk