



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Wastewater Commission

*President Kathy DeMatthew, Vice President Mike Andreasen,
Secretary John Engel, Mayor John Dickert, Robert Pucely,
Ronald Keland, Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Alderman James T.
Spangenberg, John Hewitt, Daryl Lynaugh, Robert Lui,
Thomas Bunker, Victor Puente, Thomas Friedel, Chris
Larsen, Thomas Sollman*

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 227

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, R. Gilbreath, S. Cryer, N. Erlandson, M. Klimek

PRESENT: 12 - John Dickert, Robert Pucely, Ronald Keland, John Hewitt, Daryl Lynaugh, Victor Puente, Kathy DeMatthew, John Engel, James T. Spangenberg, Robert Lui, Thomas Bunker and Thomas M. Sollman

EXCUSED: 4 - Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel, Mike Andreasen and Chris Larsen

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 2010 Meeting

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by Daryl Lynaugh, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

3. [10-5023](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for March 2010 Totaling \$1,070,458.25

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by James T. Spangenberg, seconded by Daryl Lynaugh, that this be Approved. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

4. [10-5024](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Update on OpenCEL Project
- B) 2009 Audit
- C) Clean Water Fund Loan PERF Scores
- D) Ruekert-Mielke Representation
- E) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program/Pharmaceutical Collection - April Event

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [10-5027](#)

Subject: Summary of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Held on April 13, 2010

Recommendation: Receive and File

The General Manager distributed copies of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda for the meeting that was held on April 13, 2010. He gave a brief summary of each item. He noted that Item 5, that being a discussion of notifications that need to be made as part of the agreement, was deferred because they are waiting to receive a Cost of Service Study (COSS) report. He noted that this was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed6. [10-5028](#)**Subject:** Letters from SSR Parties in Reply to the Annual Capacity Notifications**Recommendation: Receive and File**

The General Manager noted that he sent out letters to all of the SSR Parties regarding "Annual Notice of Maximum Historical Parameters for each SSR Party". He mentioned that he received a letter from the City of Racine Department of Public Works summarizing that the work they have done has reduced inflow/infiltration, thus peak flows within the City of Racine. He noted that this was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed7. [10-5029](#)**Subject:** 90-Day Notification for Recently Constructed Wastewater Projects (TAC Recommended to Defer)**Recommendation: Defer**

As noted by the General Manager, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that this Item be deferred.

A motion was made by James T. Spangenberg, seconded by John Dickert, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

8. [10-5030](#)**Subject:** 90-Day Notification for State Highway 20 Pipe Sleeve Insertion for New Lift Station No. 1 Force Main Project (TAC Recommended Adoption)**Recommendation: Approve**

The General Manager requested authorization to send notification to the SSR Parties with regard to the State Highway 20 Pipe Sleeve Insertion for the New Lift Station No. 1 Force Main project. He mentioned that moving forward will save on costs in the future. He noted that Ruekert-Mielke is currently drafting a Cost of Service Study (COSS) for this project.

A motion was made by Thomas Bunker, seconded by Robert Pucely, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10. [10-5026](#)**Subject:** Proposed Resolution to Support Meaningful Phosphorus Legislation**Recommendation: Approve**

The General Manager mentioned that he attended a public hearing in Oconomowoc on April 21 regarding phosphorus. He noted that the Utility has until April 30 to send written comments regarding the proposed phosphorus Legislation NR 217. He submitted a resolution to the Commission regarding proposed DNR rules on phosphorus stating that controlling phosphorus from point sources alone will not achieve clean water standards. He also stated that the resolution noted that a comprehensive and integrated approach must be taken to achieve clean water in our community. He requested that this resolution be approved, and if so, he will forward it to the State.

A motion was made by John Hewitt, seconded by John Engel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11. [10-5035](#)

Subject: Request to Fill Vacancy of Buildings and Grounds Worker

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that one of the Wastewater Utility's Buildings and Grounds Worker has accepted a position with another Utility, therefore, he requested authorization to fill this vacancy.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by John Engel, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12. [10-5036](#)

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from Focus on Energy for the OpenCEL Procurement

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager requested that this item be deferred.

A motion was made by James T. Spangenberg, seconded by John Hewitt, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13. [10-5047](#)

Subject: Proposal from Black & Veatch Corp. to Investigate Beneficial Reuse of Excess Biogas and/or Organics Tank

Recommendation: Receive and File

The Chief of Operations noted that Black & Veatch Corp. is preparing a proposal regarding the investigation of the reuse of excess biogas to renewable energy. He also noted that S. C. Johnson has expressed an interest. He mentioned that this was for informational purposes only.

Received and Filed

14. [10-5049](#)

Subject: Request to Submit Black & Veatch Corp. Proposal to Focus on Energy for a Grant to Fund this Feasibility Study

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations requested authorization to submit a Black & Veatch proposal to Focus on Energy for a grant up to \$5,000.00 in order to fund a feasibility study for projects related to beneficial reuse of methane gas and concentrated waste organics.

A motion was made by John Dickert, seconded by James T. Spangenberg, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, Robert Lui made a motion, seconded by Thomas Sollman, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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