

**Minutes of Meeting of
QCBFD Public Works Committee
March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom Videoconference (COVID RELATED)**

Present: Bob Frazier, Vin Bailey, Richard Campbell, Tom Frost, Bill Meyer, Jim Montstream, Fred Newton, Steve Peet, George Prior, Greg Reppucci, Tiffany Van Elslander

Additional Attendees: Sue Wilson, Maud Bailey, Carollyne Weidler, Bob Roseman, Tom McConnell, Julia Mathews

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

1. Minutes of the January 23, 2022 PWC Meeting were unanimously approved
2. Minutes of February 12, 2022 PWC meeting were unanimously amended (with the exception of those not at the meeting who abstained) and then unanimously approved.
3. The committee discussed the pilot study for iron and manganese remediation and the differing opinions of our two proposals from NWSI and C&E. A number of members requested each of the providers be invited to discuss their opinions with the committee, likely separately. Others felt this was not needed and we should move forward with the NWSI proposal. Given time constraints we moved on to the next topic.
4. The committee voted unanimously to approve the implementation of the NWSI design submitted in 2020 and approved by RIDOH with modifications to achieve 4 log chlorination and UV TOC control.
5. The group then discussed the need to put that project out to bid and also to favor bidders who could implement the installation in a way that it meets the requirements for RI Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) financing. It was pointed out that the added cost to meet RIIB requirements might more than offset the savings from their favorable financing rates. If so, it was possible that we might have to come back and accept the existing proposal from NSWI dated March 24, 2022 even if it did not meet the requirements for RIIB financing because we are under time constraints from RIDOH to install the mandated system.
6. Given the above, the committee wanted to give the chair the ability to sign the existing NSWI proposal if it was in fact the best option after the bidding process, so that we did not create a delay in having to schedule another meeting to do so.

7. With this in mind the committee voted unanimously to approve the March 24, 2022 proposal from NSWI subject to all RI laws regarding bidding if it was determined in the end that it was the best option so there would be no need for another meeting.
8. The committee then returned to the discussion of the pilot study and the two proposals for iron and manganese remediation. Some members felt there was a need for a third party opinion, and it was noted that we used WSP for a peer review of the NSWI 4 log proposal in 2020. The chair said he had forwarded both the original study and the opinions to Hugo DeAscentis, his professor, who formerly worked for the Newport Water System and is an expert in clean water systems for review.
9. Finally, the committee voted (9 in favor & 2 abstentions) to engage Natural Resource Services (NRS) to represent QCBFD in our interactions with the CRMC.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM

Respectfully submitted Bob Frazier