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Buckland Meeting Notes January 12, 2010 Meeting Denali Commission

Sharon Lind opened the meeting introducing and welcoming those in attendance at the Denali Commission offices and those in attendance on the phone. Sharon informed the group that Bob Walsh from Senator Murkowski's office was unable to attend due to schedule conflicts. Sharon informed the group that Bob planned to be at the next meeting. Sharon turned the meeting over to Debra Addie from VSW for an update.

Update from Debra Addie - VSW – Debra provided the following report to the group and highlighted key items:

Buckland Water and Sewer Project

VSW Monthly Report January 12, 2010

Design Activities

- Summit prepared a contract proposal for the water treatment process design work. VSW is in the process of reviewing the contract proposal.
- VSW made comments on the 65% plan set for the "2010 Design Scope" of work. Summit is preparing responses to the comments and preparing the 95% submittal. The "2010 Design Scope" refers to the design effort in 2010, which includes designing the water plant building, water storage tank, uptown sewer system, and piped water system. Water Treatment process design will be handled separately.
- Summit prepared design and environmental reports for RD, in order for the City to access \$305,000 in RD funds for the water and sewer project, specifically for lagoon closure. RD reviewed the reports and made comments. Summit is preparing responses to these comments.

Construction

- Summit's superintendent, Jeff Raymond, is still in Buckland completing the 2009 season. He expects to leave this week. The force main is complete, including the creek crossing.
- We plan to resume work in March 2010, commissioning the new lift station and lagoon, closing the downtown lagoon, and replacing the raw water line before spring break-up.
- Beginning in June, 2010, we plan to construct the piped water and sewer system downtown, which is funded by SDS. Water plant construction is proposed and will depend on receiving additional Three-Year-List funds in January for materials.

Budget & Funding

Stimulus funding in the amount of \$3,879,563 was received June. These funds are being used to construct a major portion of the 2009 scope. An additional \$1,250,000 was provided by VSW to complete the 2009 work and design the remainder of the project. ANTHC provided \$884,000 under CPA AN01-M70 for the raw water line.

The two grants mentioned above, AN01-M70 (\$884,000) and \$1,250,000 VSW (08EK39) will fund the project during the spring including design and construction.

SDS funding of \$3.5 million is expected in May or June to fund completion of the downtown piped water and sewer system.

VSW Three-Year-List funding \$ 1- million will be requested in January to begin procuring construction materials for the water plant. The entire water plant will cost about \$3.5 million. The new water plant building will house the water distribution pumps and must be constructed before the downtown water system can be put into operation.

Additional funding of approximately \$13 million is needed to complete the entire Buckland water and sewer project, providing piped water and sewer service to the homes.

The City requested an \$850,000 CDBG for the water storage tank for 2011 construction.

Other Issues

- **Denali Washeteria Equipment Grant** These funds were used to purchase 3 washers and 1 dryer. The project electrician completed the electrical hook-up for the dryer. Summit will assist with the materials procurement for dryer hydronic piping and ventilation.
- VSW has completed a draft Business Plan and will arrange a time to review the draft with the community.
- City of Buckland meets all essential RUBA indicators as of 1/4/2010.

Discussion items during the meeting as follows:

- Debra Addie from VSW went thru her report with the group. Greg Magee from VSW informed the group that VSW was looking at the conclusion of FY10 and the utilization of the remaining VSW project dollars (estimated at \$8 million) stating that Buckland was part of that discussion, however, to what extent was not known at this time.
- Debra highlighted the use of Denali Commission funds for the washeteria in Buckland.
- Debra mentioned to the group that she would be visiting Buckland in the coming weeks to review the business plan. Debra pointed out that the most recent approved business plan is dated 2005 and needs updating. Debra stated that all assumptions made in the 2005 business plan need to be revisited and she would be following up with the community to do that soon.
- Glenna from the City of Buckland asked Debra to send her the RUBA website so that Buckland could review their updated RUBA report.
- David Williams from the Corps of Engineers provided an update. David informed the group that the cooperation agreement amendment was at Division for review than would go to Buckland.
- David discussed the Alaska Coastal Management Program and informed the group that the City of Buckland had completed the Coastal Project Questionnaire. David discussed the possibility of the Department of Natural Resources contacting the City of Buckland directly on this questionnaire and easement issues and conveyed the urgency to the City for immediate responsiveness to keep this process moving forward. David mentioned that this process could have a 30 day comment period and could slow down the water intake procurement. Sharon asked David "how could any of us help expedite this situation"? It was not clear if that was possible; Greg Magee stated he would get back to Sharon if any possibilities came to mind.
- Glenna thanked Tina and Crystal from the City of Buckland for helping with the RUBA compliance.
- Sharon Lind introduced Rachel Lee from Maniilaq Association who was attending by phone. Rachel introduced herself and told the group that travel often prevented her from attending Buckland meetings but was happy to be present by phone.
- Sharon let the group know this was a short meeting and informed the group of the February 9, 2010 meeting at 11:00 a.m.



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