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Buckland Meeting Notes
February 9, 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 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 February 9, 2010

Design Activities

- Summit and VSW are negotiating the details of a design contract for the water treatment process equipment.
- 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. VSW and RD are communicating to address RD's concerns and hopefully secure these funds for the project. An agreement with the city will be needed to process payments using RD funds.

Construction

- We plan to resume work in March 2010, and once again use the Camp and Equipment Maintenance Building. The 2010 scope includes 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 begin constructing the piped water and sewer system downtown, which is funded by SDS. Materials for the water storage tank and water plant will be procurement in 2010 and construction will start. Additional funding will be needed to complete the tank and the water plant.
- A construction amendment will be negotiated with Summit for city approval in late February or early March.

Budget & Funding

Funding for 2010 Project

Scope	Source	Grant Amount	Date Funds expected
Close Downtown Lagoon	RD direct grant to city	305,000	Pending RD approval of PER/ER; pending reimbursment agreement with city
Raw Water Line	-ANTHC	884,000	Currently available
Begin construction of Water plant/water tank/camp	VSW/EPA Multi-year list	3,500,000	3/1/10
Complete Downtown System	ANTHC SDS	3,512,000	6/1/10
Service lines and plumbing for 17 Native homes	ANTHC SDS	948,100	Currently available
		\$9,149,201	

An additional \$2,500,000 will be needed to complete the tank and water plant. The city applied for \$850,000 CDBG for the water tank. VSW will request FY11 funds to complete this project in 2011.

An additional \$3.5 million is required in 2011 and 2012 to complete mid-town and uptown systems.

Other Issues

- **Denali Washeteria Equipment Grant** -The City may use the remaining Denali funds of \$7,000, for Summit plumbers to install the new dryer. The city is asked to make this decision at the next council meeting.

- **Business Plan** - Debra Addie traveled to Buckland on January 26, 2010, with Sharon Lind to present the business plan. The council was asked to review the plan, respond with questions or comments, and consider approval at the next council meeting. The residential user fee included in the plan is \$155 per house per month.
- The city is asked to obtain a contract with the school district for water sales within 6 months of passing the Business Plan.
- **Wind Energy** - Matt Bergan with WH Pacific contacted VSW about using wind-power electric water heater in the water plant to utilize wind energy. VSW will investigate wind energy.
- **Solid Waste** - VSW suggests the city pursue solid waste funding. Dave Cramer with Summit indicated the existing landfill could be cleaned-up and partially capped using silts from the water and sewer project if \$100,000 to \$150,000 was available for Solid Waste. These funds are not available through VSW.

Discussion items during the meeting as follows:

- Debra Addie from VSW went through her report in detail mentioning that she needed to discuss the new dryer with the city. Debra also mentioned her recent visit to Buckland with Sharon Lind and the Business Plan.
- Merlaine Kruse from USDA RD asked Debra about the use of silt from the river for the solid waste site. Debra explained the possibility of contractors dumping some silt in the community solid waste area for landfill “rehabilitation”. Merlaine commented on the funds available for solid waste from USDA RD, but it didn’t sound like this project would be eligible.
- Sharon asked the community if the business plan was ready for approval. Glenn Parrish mentioned that they wanted to clarify numbers for the community and discussed keeping electric and water/sewer invoicing separate.
- Ernie from the City of Buckland asked about using the river silt for the downtown lagoon closure project. Debra mentioned that it was her understanding that the coverage for that area was to come from the NANA pit, however, she would discuss this possibility with the contractor.
- Dave Williams from the Corps of Engineers provided a verbal and written report. (See his written report, next page.) Dave discussed the DNR questionnaire and the added time necessary to accommodate this process. Dave also discussed the amendment delay due to the new certificate of authority requirement.
- Dave informed the group that a mid-March RFP was possible. Questions were asked regarding the water intake and the certificate of authority.
- Debra asked Dave whether a 2010 water intake completion was possible. Dave stated that a 2011 summer completion was planned.
- Teresa, from the community, asked about storage of materials for this project. Dave stated that the contractor would be making those arrangements directly with the community.
- Glenna, Mayor, informed the group that she visited Juneau and received good response from Al Adams and Reggie Joule about this project. Glenna informed the group that she discussed this projects shortfalls to legislators and was pleased with their responsiveness.
- Sharon Lind informed the group that the next meeting would be March 9th at 11:00 a.m.

BUCKLAND, ALASKA WATER INTAKE PROJECT

8 FEBRUARY 2010 CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

Progress this last month has been at a slow pace. The Easement application to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been awaiting a determination by DNR on review of the Environmental Questionnaire. The review of the Questionnaire was completed, and a determination was made that a Single-Agency Review was required. This will take another 30 days since that determination. After that the Easement application will be processed. Real estate required for the project appears to be in order except for the DNR easement.

The review of the amendment required for the Project Cooperation Agreement between the City of Buckland and the Corps of Engineers hit a speed bump in January. A new Certificate of Authority was determined to be necessary. Mayor Glenna Parrish has been working this issue and a new certificate should be completed soon. This will allow the package to complete the required review and approval. I expect this to take two to three weeks after the new Certificate is transmitted. Once approval is received the amendment can be signed. That is necessary before the request for proposals can be publicized.

These two delays look like they will be satisfied before mid-March. We will be delaying the Request for Proposal date until the end of March, with proposals due in the April-May time frame.

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