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## **Buckland Meeting Notes April 13, 2010 Meeting Denali Commission**

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Sharon Lind opened the meeting introducing and welcoming those in attendance by 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 April 13, 2010

#### Design Activities

- **Water Treatment Process Equipment** - Summit prepared a request for information (RFI) package for the water treatment process equipment. The RFI includes background information, water quality data, and past water testing reports. The unit will be designed to treat water from either the current river pump or the Corps of Engineers Intake. Responses from equipment suppliers are due on April 23. G. V. Jones and Associates will assist with technical review of proposed water treatment equipment. After the review, formal procurement documents will be prepared for procurement this year.
- 2010 Design package was submitted to ADEC for approval on March 1.
- The 2009 and 2010 designs were presented to the city council on March 25. Pros and cons of installing hydrants were discussed. Hydrants increase the maintenance requirements and system complexity. While some hydrants are needed for flushing the water main, the city could elect to install a lower number of hydrants. The city requested 3 hydrants be installed in 2010, as per the plan set, so the operators can become familiar with hydrants.

#### Site Control

Nineteen (19) BIA easements are needed to serve an area downtown extending from Nora Avenue to Ann Avenue, between the school and downtown lift station and the river, including over 30 services, such as the tribal office, the Old Bunkhouse, house # 15 (Michelle Washington) to house # 39 (Darryl, Steven, and Lester Kirk). Obtaining easements on BIA restricted land is a complex process. The lots have been surveyed and legal descriptions were provided to Maniilaq on February 1. Maniilaq is currently preparing consultation packet and will be interviewing landowners. Construction funding is already in to install mains and services lines in this area.

Twelve (12) easements will be needed to extend water and sewer through Mid-town along the Mountain View Avenue alignment between Ruth Avenue and Naomi Avenue. Summit has drafted these documents and will be seeking homeowner approval.

**Construction**

Summit's superintendent, Jeff Raymond arrived onsite March 23. He has hired a crew, and began working on the remaining 2009 scope of work and also constructing the raw water line.

The city reviewed and approved Summit's Contract amendment #14 for Construction Management for the 2010 season on 4/6/10. The scope of work includes a portion of the downtown water and sewer system, including the school, the clinic, the camp, 7 locally-owned homes, 4 NIHA homes, the store, and the city office; as well as closing the downtown lagoon, replacing the raw water line, and starting-up the new lift station and new lagoon.

**Other**

The city has identified 2 candidates for the operator position and VSW is using project funds to send the candidates to training in Fairbanks at TCC. TCC is sponsoring the class and is providing hotel and meals.

**Site visits:** Debra and Chris Allard (Summit) made a site visit and met with the city council of March 25, 2010.

**Funding:** Debra Addie and Greg Magee attended the SDS 2011 Kick-off meeting yesterday at ANTHC. Debra will update the database and expects the next priority will be either the water storage tank or the mid-town mains and mid-town lift station. The deadline for submitting information is May 21.

The \$305,000 "Old" Rd funds are not accessible through the VSW program. The city is encouraged to contact RD to determine if these funds can be used in some other manner. Closure of the downtown lagoon is proceeding with VSW/EPA funds.

## Funding

Scope	Source	Grant Amount	Date Funds expected
Close Downtown Lagoon	RD direct grant to city -	305,000*	Not accessible through the VSW Program. Please contact RD directly.
VSW Program Funds			
Raw Water Line	-ANTHC	884,000	Currently available
Begin construction of Water plant/water tank pad/camp	VSW/EPA Multi-year list	1,500,000	5/15/10
Continue Water plant and water tank work	Old EPA funds	2,000,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2010
Complete Downtown System	ANTHC SDS	3,512,000	6/1/10 pending environmental review and grant documents.
Service lines and plumbing for 17 Native homes	ANTHC SDS	948,100	Currently available Excludes HUD mutual help homes and rental homes.
		8,844,100	

## **Discussion items during the meeting as follows:**

- Debra Addie from VSW went through her report in detail.
- Merlaine Kruse from USDA RD asked Debra about the scope of work for the USDA RD funding for this project. Merlaine pointed out that the scope of work had been revised more than once and expressed concerns. Glenna from the City of Buckland asked how this funding could somehow be utilized in spite of the issues discussed. Merlaine reminded the group that the USDA RD funds must be used for the sewage lagoon closure. Sharon Lind suggested discussing this issue in a separate meeting involving Greg Magee, Debra Addie and Merlaine Kruse. All agreed to move on in Debra's report. (Note: it was reported to me after this meeting that the USDA RD funds could in fact be utilized for this project and all issues with regards to this problem had been resolved. No meeting was necessary to discuss this further.)
- Glenna mentioned an error in house identifications to Debra who was discussing easement issues and the particular houses these easements affected. It was also reported that Eva Hunt from Maniiliq would be going to Buckland soon to discuss this very issue.
- Steve Boardman from the Army Corps of Engineers provided the group an update. Steven mentioned that Dave Williams had a schedule conflict and could not attend today's meeting. Steve reported that DNR completed their review. Steve also reported that they were processing an early entry permit and that permit was expected anytime now. Sharon asked Steve who that permit would go to, he said probably Glenna in Buckland. Sharon suggested that Glenna watch for that important document.
- Steve also reported that the amendment to the cooperative agreement was completed and the certificate of authority was being reviewed and would be submitted next week at which time an approval from the Secretary of the Army was needed. Steve stated this must be complete before the RPP process began and hoped that the contract would be awarded by August this year.
- Glenna from the City of Buckland reported that the template for a school district water usage contract would be coming soon. Glenn reported that Margaret Hanson would be helping to get that soon.
- Darlene from the City of Buckland brought up an issue regarding the intake line and the concerns of a former council member suggesting that the design, as it exists, has the potential for washout during the spring floods. Debra Addie from VSW stated that the plans are set to address the vulnerability of the line and she would be happy to share those, although copies should also be in the city office. Darlene suggested that a policy be incorporated that asks that concerns on this project be submitted in writing, and not verbally to help with organizing thoughts and requests.
- Debra mentioned that there were also separate plans for the raw water line and copies of those plans should also be in the city office as well.

- It was decided that no meetings would be held in either June or July. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, after that we will meet in early August.
- Sharon Lind informed the group that the next meeting would be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.



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