

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

February 17, 2003

Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, February 17, 2003, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners present were Donnie Moore, Lon Pepple, Dick McLelland, Fred Wanger, and Jerry Pittman. Rogers Water Utilities staff in attendance were Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Don Roberts, Mike Lawrence, Robert Moore, Earl Rausch, and Stephen Ponder. Others in the audience were Jason Kelley, Mike Watts, Billinda Watts, Mike Rowe, John Moore, E. J. Miller, Barbara Miller, and Gary Jech. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

There was a motion by Pittman, second by Wanger, to approve the January minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mike Lawrence, Rogers Pollution Control Facility Manager. Lawrence recognized Robert Moore, RPCF Operations and Maintenance Team Leader, for ten years of service to RWU.

Moore recognized Tom McAlister, RWU Manager. McAlister recognized Don Roberts, Superintendent of Filed Operations, for fifteen years of service.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, P. E., RWU Engineer. Johnson presented the Commission with a report that detailed most of the projects in which the Commission had an on-going interest. Johnson said that the 1998 Sewer bond fund projects were completed. He said that most of the property owners in the Phase VI area had either connected to the new sewer, or were in the process of connecting. The area sewer lift station to serve the Cooper Homes project near Garrett Road and Bellview was under design, he said.

Johnson said that engineering design work was continuing on the water and sewer relocations to facilitate the widening of New Hope Road. Johnson said that the contractor for Phase IV of the sewer RLF project, Insituform, was in town and working to rehabilitate some old sewers. He commented that the rehab technique known as cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) was very non-intrusive, since it was essentially a no-dig technology.

Continuing, Johnson presented the Commission with a bid tabulation for the proposed Lilac St. ground storage tank/pump station. Bids were opened on the 13th of February, Johnson said. The low bid for a concrete tank was \$3,778,593.28 from Van Horn

Construction. He said that contractors were asked to bid a steel tank as an alternative. Johnson said, while the steel tanks were cheaper to build, they were more costly to maintain. Johnson said that the cost difference between steel and concrete could be made up the first time the steel tank was painted, probably in 10 to 15 years after it was built.

How much was the cost estimate? Someone asked. Johnson said the estimate was \$3.5 million, which had not been updated in over a year. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the bid of Van Horn Construction, for the concrete tank. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Joyce Johnson, Utilities Controller. Joyce presented the Commission with a proposal from Farris Insurance Company to provide property insurance for RWU. Johnson said that this was the only proposal received after advertising. The bid, for \$28,787, was 38% higher than last year. Gary Jech of Farris Insurance, said that rates had gone up all over the country. He said that his proposal included \$1001 for acts of terrorism insurance, which had been excluded in years past, but, was now underwritten by the federal government.