



**FLOOD PROJECT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

FRIDAY – JANUARY 28, 2011 - 10:00 A.M.

**Washoe County
Central Conference Room
1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg C
Reno, Nevada**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Determination of a Quorum 10:05 am

John Flansberg, Kyle West, Charla Honey, Neil Krutz, John Martini, John Trevor Lloyd, John Sherman, Kimble Corbridge

Others Present: Ric Frost, Kerri Lanza

Staff Present: Naomi Duerr, Jay Aldean, Laura Bayer, Lisa Diebler, Danielle Henderson, Greg Salter, Paul Urban, Lori Williams

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Flansberg moved to approve the agenda as submitted; Member West seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Sherman moved to approve the Provisional Minutes of January 7, 2010; Member Flansberg seconded and it passed unanimously with Member Kimble abstaining.

4. * ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Duerr announced that there will be two FPCC meetings in February; a special meeting focusing on financial issues on February 4th and the regularly scheduled meeting on February 11th. Also, staff was directed by Chair Smith to produce all future FPCC agenda books on CD only or interested parties can download the book from the website www.truckeeflood.us.

Deputy Director Aldean noted that he and Project Manager Urban met with Manhard Engineering this morning to discuss how to present the model to others in the best way. Mr. Aldean asked that Members Krutz, Flansberg and Corbridge contact him with input for members of the modeling.

5. ***PUBLIC COMMENT** – *For all items on or off the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per person*

Ric Frost with Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe introduced himself and noted his interest in studying the proposed design.

Vice Chair Krutz called for additional Public Comment and hearing none he closed this item.

6. **AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF RENO TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF THE VIRGINIA STREET BRIDGE TRACTION PROJECT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3 MILLION, FOR A TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$4.8 MILLION** *Discussion and possible action to make recommendations to the FPCC on Amendment 1 to the Virginia Street Bridge TRAction Project - Phase II, for project design and permitting services, in an amount of \$3,000,000, for a total agreement amount not-to-exceed \$4,800,000. This agreement will complete the design and permitting services for the Virginia Street Bridge and develop plans, specifications and estimate documents suitable for bidding and awarding the construction contract for replacing the existing bridge.*

Mr. Aldean stated that staff would like to get funds encumbered for this upcoming contract; staff is going forward with the Phase 1 design and permitting for Virginia Street Bridge. Amendment #1 is included in the packet.

There was discussion about the environmental permitting being included in this Amendment. Ms. Lanza explained that the City of Reno has an environmental consultant on board and that the permitting fees will be in the hundreds of dollars, not thousands.

Member Flansberg explained that staff still doesn't know the outcome of the bridge selection and staff will be looking at what is expended, noting that the FPCC asked to encumber funds at the Retreat on January 14th.

In response to an inquiry about the time frame to enter into work, Member Honey stated that staff has started on first part of contract and was hopeful to be finished by the end of summer. They will start negotiating the next portion (which is the subject of Amendment 1) of the contract with Jacobs in the fall.

The exact cost of construction is not known at this time due to some questions about the environmental permitting regarding the Corps processes and the unknown bridge type. There is still a debate about whether we need Section 104. Typically LERRDS don't need environmental permits. Cost of putting together a Section 104 together is unknown per Director Duerr.

Ms. Lanza noted that staff is not at the point where we can do the Section 104 until we have 60% design. Director Duerr added that the design has a shelf life of a couple of years.

Member Sherman stated that the initial impetus to accelerate these things was the legislature trying to access cash. He expressed concern regarding the lack of a conclusion on setting up the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). He noted that we have early redemption provisions in some of the debts that we have issued and that can be done in 60 to 90 days; the funds would go for a legitimate purpose although won't pay it off in entirety. These are actions that FPCC and BCC is getting ready to take; there is an alternative to what to do with that money.

Member Flansberg noted that the Virginia Street Bridge meets that purpose. Director Duerr noted that staff is looking at various amounts and how that will affect our cash flows going forward; this issue will be discussed at February 4th FPCC meeting.

There was more detailed discussion about funds available and what to do with them as well as who will review and approve the scope of work for future phases of this project. The Project Management Team currently consists of Jay Aldean, Paul Urban, Charla Honey, and Kerri Lanza.

Member Sherman stated that if the objective is to obligate the funds in a meaningful way, then he could commit it to pay off part of the debt.

Member Flansberg moved to recommend to FPCC to consider this amendment to the agreement as one option of a few funding options out there; Member West seconded.

Member Sherman asked to clarify the motion to the amendment to the contract with the City of Reno is one option versus using the funds to pay off debt. However, he noted that he is unclear as to how does one weigh those options the uncertainty of putting money into a capital funding plan when we don't have all the money to complete the project versus the certainty of paying off debt and inquired as to how we are going to fund the project elements?

Deputy Director Aldean explained that it would be one of the first projects built by the Corps if we get funding, but if design is not complete, there would be another delay. One year's delay would impact City of Reno.

Member Meacham stated staff needs to get projects moving that provide flood protection. This project is going to be built even with the 525 Plan. She suggested funding it subject to available funding and to FPCC approval.

Director Duerr suggested that we can document all these concerns and pros and cons.

Project Manager Urban noted that we have a plan to get authorization at the end of this year, but it is up to Congress to authorize and appropriate.

Vice Chair Krutz noted there was a motion and a second and called for a vote by a show of hands. Members Meacham, Flansberg, Honey, West, Corbridge, Martini, and Krutz voted for; Members Sherman and Lloyd were opposed. The motion carried.

7. UPDATE ON THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' PROJECT SCHEDULE

Discussion of progress and possible changes to the Army Corps of Engineers' project schedule. Update on Corps activities for the previous month. Possible action to accept the report and/or to make recommendations to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC.)

Deputy Director Aldean stated that all senior staff members are in the review process of five chapters of the GRR and the complete EIS. Director Duerr added that there have been 25 comments from 15-20 other reviewers; TRFP staff has put in close to 300 comments to date. All comments have to be in by Feb 7th.

Ms. Lanza asked for an opportunity to review. Ms. Henderson will send the list of all the sections to Ms. Lanza and Member Meacham so they can indicate the sections they would like to review.

Deputy Director Aldean stated that the AFB is tentatively scheduled for April 5th and it will be here with people coming in or calling in from Washington DC. Director Duerr noted that staff is looking for a room that will hold 40 or 50 people with video-conferencing capabilities. The Washoe County Caucus Room would work. The Corps will bring twenty-plus people, but it is not a public meeting. Public review starts a few weeks later. Director Duerr cautioned that there cannot be a quorum of TAC nor FPCC present.

Director Duerr added two more things to this schedule:

1. There will need to be another letter stating that we will provide evidence and a commitment to make our funds available; that letter is due in the fall (this letter is not the Letter of Intent which is due in the Spring most likely March).
2. The Corps is looking at other accounts to see if they can recommend other level of flood protection. Director Duerr will set up a brainstorming session for the afternoon of Thursday, February 3rd.

Mr. Frost commented that the Tribe has had a lack of presence. The Corps has not consulted the Tribe on the Herman Dam; he would like to bring the Tribe's input to TAC.

Ms. Henderson noted that John Jackson and Dan Mosley were involved with the planning team. She will consult with Mr. Frost off line.

8. REVIEW FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA (see attached)

Possible action to make recommendations to the FPCC on any of the Flood Project Coordinating Committee meeting draft agenda items (see attached agenda). Action may include clarification, addition or removal of agenda items, and recommendations to the project staff or the FPCC regarding any of the listed or proposed agenda items.

Director Duerr stated that the 35 and 65 Edison Way Property Acquisition will be pulled from the February 4th agenda since appraisal was not done yet; it may move to February 11th. She will be adding an item to talk about the entire allocation of funds and proposal to pay down the debt. There will not be a Finance Subcommittee on February 3rd; there will be one on the 10th.

Member Flansberg moved to approve with the corrections Director Duerr listed; Member Meacham seconded and it passed unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and discussion of the TAC meeting date(s) set for February 25th. Possible action to approve items for future agendas and/or change meeting dates.

Director Duerr requested to get a photo of the TAC in lobby at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Sherman moved to adjourn; Member Meacham seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.