



MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2023

A special meeting of the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board was held at 11:00 a.m., March 14, 2023, at the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Brad Johnson, Chocolay Township (Chair)
Leonard Bodenus, Marquette Township
George Patrick, City of Marquette
Sean Hobbins, City Marquette
James Compton, City of Marquette

ABSENT None

OTHERS Mark O'Neill, City of Marquette
Mary Schlicht, City of Marquette
Melissa Erkkila, City of Marquette

OLD BUSINESS

SOLIDS HANDLING PROJECT

M. O'Neill stated he called this meeting as a follow-up of the March 2, 2023 meeting. He stated he needs direction from the board regarding the Solids Handling Project. M. O'Neill recommends we accept the bid from Miron Construction with alternates #1 and #5 to be included. We would use the reserve fund to help pay for the project but leave \$500,000 in the fund for any unseen repairs needed in the future. The fund has about \$2.1 million dollars in it.

M. O'Neill stated he received confirmation from the State of Michigan that we would receive the low interest rate of 1.875% for the entire loan amount. The total amount borrowed is subject to change depending on contingency used.

It was moved by L. Bodenus, supported by S. Hobbins to approve the acceptance of Miron's bid with alternates #1 and #5 using a portion of the reserve funds to reduce the loan amount.
Approved 5-0.

M. O'Neill stated the next step will be to bring it to the City Commission at the April 10th meeting for approval. Future steps necessary will follow with an expected closing of the loan in June 2023. Miron will then be given a notice to proceed.



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M. O'Neill stated that this is the Capitol Improvement Project the staff has been working on for a long time. This project includes smaller items that need addressing as well. He stated that he does not foresee any necessary purchases in the future except for possibly trucks. This plant will be in good shape for several years.

B. Johnson asked to confirm that this project included the necessary storage facility. M. O'Neill stated this project does include a new cake storage building, a new solids handling building, a high strength waste receiving station, oxygen at the rear of the plant to address a permit violation, and the means to add ferric chloride to the digester which has several benefits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BOARD COMMENT

- S. Hobbins stated he was glad to be here.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Reviewed by:

Mark O'Neill

Director of Municipal Utilities

Prepared by:

Melissa Erkkila