Authority Meeting Minutes
353rd Meeting (via Conference Call)
September 1, 2020

Members Present:  
Joseph J. Siemek  
Jeffrey D. Castonguay  
Guillermo (“Willie”) Wainer  
Rhody Holthaus  
Dr. Charles Glass, Ph. D (MES, Director)-Joined approximately 12:09 p.m.  
Michael G. Marschner

Other Participants:  
Matthew Garbark (Baltimore City DPW, Acting Director)  
Michael Beichler (Baltimore County DPW, Bureau Chief)  
Christopher W. Skaggs  
Andrew Kays  
Kimberly W. Gordon  
Michael Ewall (public participant; joined approximately 12:15 p.m.)

Board Chairman, Joseph Siemek opened the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-1 – Contract Amendment for EA Engineering Regarding Montgomery County Gude Remediation Work

A motion was made by Michael Marschner and seconded by Rhody Holthaus to approve this item. Andrew Kays explained that EA Engineering provided a proposal in connection with continued remediation work at the Gude Landfill. The work includes additional survey work and geotechnical work to support the 100% design of the remediation project. Contingency funds are included to respond to potential comments that arise during regulatory review. Staff is requesting an increase in EA Engineering’s contract of $224,786.00 to fund the above-referenced work.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. There being none, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.
ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-2 – Budget Amendment to the Montgomery County Gude Remediation Account

A motion was made by Jeff Castonguay and seconded by Willie Wainer to approve this item. Andrew Kays explained that in support of Action Item 2020-6-1, an increase of $224,786.00 to the Authority’s budget account for the Gude Remediation is needed. The work includes additional survey work and geotechnical work to support the 100% design of the remediation project. Contingency funds are included to respond to potential comments that arise during regulatory review. This budget amendment increases the Montgomery County Gude Remediation Account to $5,226,518.00 for Fiscal Year 2021.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. There being none, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-3 – Contract Amendment for ARM Group Regarding Design and Construction Work for Water Intake at the RRF

A motion was made by Willie Wainer and seconded by Rhody Holthaus to approve this item. Chris Skaggs explained that this contract amendment is to allow ARM Group to provide design and construction work for water intake at the Montgomery County RRF as set forth in the consultant’s proposal. GenOn Mid-Atlantic, LLC will close its coal operations at its Dickerson, Maryland facility. As such, the water source for the RRF is being eliminated on January 14, 2021. The work is required to maintain water access for operations at the RRF after such closure. Staff is requesting an increase in ARM’s contract of $2,200,000.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. Michael Marschner asked whether the costs for permitting was included in the expense or if it was just for the design work. Chris Skaggs explained that during conversations with the Maryland Department of the Environment, it was indicated there should not be a need for new permits as water would continue to be drawn from the same water source and the amount of water usage with respect to water access limits should remain unchanged. There being no additional questions, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-4 – Budget Amendment to the Montgomery County RRF Account

A motion was made by Rhody Holthaus and seconded by Willie Wainer to approve this item. Chris Skaggs explained that in support of Action Item 2020-6-3, an increase of $2,200,000 to the Authority’s budget account for the RRF is needed. The Basis of Design for the Intake Modification Project and the Water Supply Cost and Schedule Sheet supplied by the consultant for this work was provided. This budget amendment increases the Montgomery County RRF Account to $3,336,258 for Fiscal Year 2021.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. There being none, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.
ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-5 - Budget Amendment to the Harford County Landfill Account

A motion was made by Michael Marschner and seconded by Dr. Charles Glass to approve this item. Andrew Kays explained that Harford County undertook a RFP through the Authority for the development of a masterplan for improvements to the Harford Waste Disposal Center (HWDC), through a managed competition with the Authority on-call engineers. Staff is requesting approval to update the Harford County Landfill Budget by $230,000. This budget update will be contingent upon the approval of the County Board of Estimates of the award recommendation.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. There being none, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM NO. 2020-6-6 - Budget Amendment to the Geosyntec Contract

A motion was made by Michael Marschner and seconded by Dr. Charles Glass to approve this item. Harford County undertook a RFP through the Authority for the development of a masterplan for improvements to the Harford Waste Disposal Center (HWDC), through a managed competition with the Authority on-call engineers. Staff is requesting approval to update the Geosyntec Contract by $230,000. This award will be contingent upon the approval of the County Board of Estimates of the award recommendation.

Joseph Siemek asked if there were any questions or matters for discussion. There being none, a vote was taken, and the item was unanimously approved.

There being no additional comments or discussion items, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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Chris Skaggs, Executive Director