

Authority Meeting Minutes
355th Meeting (via Conference Call)
January 7, 2021

Members Present: Joseph J. Siemek
Jeffrey D. Castonguay
Guillermo (“Willie”) Wainer
Rhody Holthaus
Charles Glass, Ph. D (MES, Director)
Phillip Harris

Other Participants: Chris Skaggs (NMWDA)
Kim Gordon (NMWDA)
Mark DeLuca (Howard County)
Michael Beichler (Baltimore County)
Matthew Garbark (Acting Director, Baltimore City DPW)

Public access via livestream at the following link: <https://youtu.be/5NzCD3M55bQ>. *This stream was turned on at 12:00 PM local time.*

Board Chairman, Joseph Siemek opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. local time. Mr. Siemek noted that the instructions for the public to view the meeting were provided in advance and that there were no plans to go into a closed session.

ACTION ITEM NO. 2021-1-1 – Contract Amendments for On-Call Consultants

A motion was made by Jeff Castonguay and seconded by Rhody Holthaus to approve this item. Chris Skaggs explained that the following contract amendments are required for the on-call consultants as set forth below.

1. ARM: The on-call contract for ARM Group, LLC needs to be increased by a total of \$501,091.56. The increase is needed for (i) work in the amount of \$361,091.56 in connection with leachate repairs (\$70,741.56), electrical line repairs (\$216,350.00), leachate cleanout (\$24,000.00), and the leachate tank design effort (\$50,000.00) at the Quarantine Road Landfill for Baltimore, City and (ii) additional work in the amount of \$140,000 for the water intake project at the RRF for Montgomery County. The details supporting the price increase for the water intake project was included in the scope for ARM provided in the Board Package. The new upset limit for the ARM on-call contract will be \$4,771,091.56.



2. SCS: The on-call contract for SCS Engineers needs to be increased by \$1,154,787.43. The increase is needed as follows: (i) to replenish funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 used for various emergency projects for Member Jurisdictions; (ii) for valve repairs (\$14,640.81) and settlement work (\$44,000.32) totaling \$58,641.13 at the Alpha Ridge Landfill for Howard County; (iii) for New Cut Road Landfill condensate repairs in the amount of \$40,197.30 for Howard County; and (iv) for groundwater work at the Quarantine Road Landfill for Baltimore City in the amount of \$55,949.00. The new upset limit for the SCS on-call contract will be \$9,420,887.43.
3. Geosyntec: The on-call contract for Geosyntec needs to be increased by \$24,731.00 for redesign work at the scalehouse at the Alpha Ridge Landfill for Howard County. The new upset limit for the Geosyntec on-call contract will be \$1,179,260.00.

Staff is requesting increases in the amounts of \$501,091.56 for the ARM contract, \$1,154,787.43 for the SCS contract and \$24,731.00 for the Geosyntec contract to fund the work as described above.

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. 2021-1-2 – Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Jeff Castonguay and seconded by Rhody Holthaus to approve this item. Chris Skaggs explained that the following line item budget amendments are required, largely to accommodate the items approved with respect to Action Item 2021-1-1, as set forth below.

1. Howard County Alpha Ridge Landfill Account: In support of Action Item No. 2021-1-1, sections 2(ii) and 3, a budget increase in the amount of \$83,372.13 is needed for the Howard County Alpha Ridge Landfill Account.
2. Howard County General Account: In support of Action Item No. 2021-1-1, section 2(iii), a budget increase in the amount of \$40,197.30 is needed for the Howard County General Account.
3. Montgomery County General Account for Oaks Landfill (NEI) Well Installation and Environmental Sampling of Beantown Landfill: A budget increase of \$65,011 is needed for additional work performed by EA Engineering relating to the installation of methane detectors and air quality monitoring for the Beantown Landfill site for Montgomery County.
4. Montgomery County RRF Account: A total increase in the amount of \$1,086,700 is needed for additional work to be performed by ARM in support of Action Item No. 2021-1-1 for the water intake project (\$711,700) and in support of Action Item No. 2021-1-3 (the next Action Item on the Agenda) for the purchase of equipment in the amount of \$375,000 for the Montgomery County RRF Account.

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. 2021-1-3 – Equipment Purchase for Montgomery County Resource Recovery Facility/Transfer Station

A motion was made by Jeff Castonguay and seconded by Dr. Charles Glass to approve this item. Chris Skaggs explained that Montgomery County has requested the Authority to purchase a replacement Caterpillar 950M frontend loader from Carter Machinery Co. Inc. (the Caterpillar dealer for the area) for use at the Montgomery County Transfer Station. Specifically, the 2008 frontend loader (H9) used on the Annex tip floor will be retired. Staff is requesting approval of a sole source purchase of this frontend loader at a cost not to exceed \$375,000 because the Service Agreement between the Authority and Covanta stipulates that this model loader be utilized at the transfer station by Covanta. The CAT frontend loaders are the primary loaders at the transfer station and allow common spare parts and mechanic repair knowledge. CAT has proved to be a reliable brand machine with the durability necessary for the harsh environment at the transfer station. The equipment and options on this loader are available through Caterpillar's Government discount. A Volvo loader was considered by the County, however, while the purchase price was found to be similar, the operation and maintenance costs were the deciding factor in favor of the Caterpillar loader.

In accordance with COMAR Section 14.13.01.03 A(4), the Board is being asked to adopt the sole source procurement and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the purchase of this piece of equipment at a cost of \$375,000. The estimate for the purchase as provided by Carter Machinery Co. Inc. was provided to the Board in the Board Package. This purchase is subject to final approval of the Montgomery County Representative and the Authority will be reimbursed by Montgomery County under the Waste Disposal Contract.

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.

Mr. Siemek asked if there were any additional items to discuss at this time. Chris Skaggs responded and noted that Phil Harris has joined the Board from Frederick County as Michael Marschner has retired. The Board welcomed Mr. Harris. Joseph Siemek asked if there were any additional items to be discussed. There being no additional comments or discussion items, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Chris Skaggs

Chris Skaggs, Executive Director