

LONG ISLAND COMMISSION FOR AQUIFER PROTECTION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2018

260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

VOTING MEMBERS

ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Stan Carey	Chairman
Jeffrey W. Szabo	Vice-Chairman
Frank Koch	Long Island Water Conference
Brian Schneider	Representing Nassau County Executive
Chris Ostuni	Representing Nassau County Legislature
Don Irwin	Representing Nassau County Department of Health
Walter Dawydiak	Representing Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services
Brian Culhane	Suffolk Soil & Water Conservation District

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Karen Gomez	NYS DEC
Sarah Meyland	Representing Nassau County Minority Leader
Paul Granger	Pt. Washington Water District

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comments.

Mr. Carey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Carey then welcomed Brian Culhane to the Commission as a voting member for the Suffolk Soil & Water Conservation District, pending approval from Suffolk County.

Mr. Carey stated that the purpose for today's meeting is to select a vendor in response to the LICAP's RFP 1522 for Professional Services for LICAP Water Resources Opportunity Subcommittee (WROS) and Water Resources and Infrastructure Subcommittee (WRIS) Reports and copy edit of the Interim Groundwater Resources Management Plan. Mr. Carey opened the meeting for discussion regarding this selection.

Mr. Dawydiak stated that there was only one proposal received, which was from H2M, who did an exceptional job, but as LICAP continues further with this process, there isn't enough time or money allocated for the Management Plan. Although this does not have to be solved today, the major concern that Suffolk County had with the first round was that it ran out of time and money before they could consider what was a very good foundation into a consensus based plan. Mr. Dawydiak is concerned that if we embark on a rigid time-frame, we might be in the same situation in a number of months from now. He further stated that they are fully in support of the proposal and believe it's a great start. Mr. Szabo stated that in preparing the RFP, concerns were addressed that both Nassau and Suffolk County had, so both Counties provided additional information and assisted in crafting the RFP to insure that these concerns were met.

Mr. Szabo further stated that the form and the response from H2M was excellent and thorough. However, he was disappointed to receive only one response. He further stated that if the award is granted today, that time be given to both Nassau and Suffolk County to meet with the consultant so that they have a thorough understanding of their priorities and the desire of both Counties moving forward. Assuming Mr. Colabufo is selected as Project Manager, perhaps bi-weekly meetings can be scheduled with the consultant to obtain updates and the Commission Members and the County representatives are welcomed to attend these meetings and then the consultant or Mr. Colabufo will prepare a progress report to be disseminated to both Voting Members and Non-Voting Members of the LICAP Commission so everyone will be up to date on the progress being made.

Mr. Schneider shared his concerns regarding the staffing provided by H2M, in regard to the Queens' wells because key H2M personnel formally worked for the City's DEP which is advancing the project. Mr. Carey and Mr. Milazzo stated that the Commission will have an opportunity to review the report before it is adopted. Mr. Szabo pointed out that in the interim report, as part of its 144 recommendations, the Commission voted unanimously to oppose the reactivation of the Queens' wells.

A discussion was held concerning the distribution of the RFP responses.

After further discussion on this topic, and on motion made by Mr. Szabo duly seconded by Mr. Dale, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To award Requests For Proposals 1522, Consulting Services for Review & Updating of LICAP Groundwater Management Plan, to H2M Architects and Engineers of Melville, New York.

Mr. Carey then discussed the distribution of the remaining Smart Irrigation Controllers. He indicated that the remainders were to be given to Port Washington and Massapequa, but after numerous attempts to distribute them to the consumers, only one controller was distributed. Mr. Carey proposed giving the remainders to Glynis Berry after hearing her presentation about Southold at the last LICAP meeting and she will distribute them to consumers in critical areas of Southold.

On motion made by Mr. Granger, duly seconded by Mr. Ostuni, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, To have Glynis Berry distribute the remaining Smart Irrigation Controllers to consumers in critical areas of Southold, under the same terms and conditions as other water suppliers with availability to pumpage information for LICAP'S reference in the future; these Smart Irrigation Controllers are not subject to rebates.

Mr. Szabo stated that the next LICAP meeting, which is currently scheduled for September 12, 2018, should be held in Nassau County, perhaps at the Legislature's Offices. Mr. Ostuni will inquire as to the availability.

At this time, Mr. Carey took questions/comments from the Public audience.

At this time, Mr. Ostuni introduced Legislator Denise Ford from Nassau County. Legislator Ford commented on various issues, such as making water parks environmentally friendly.

Mr. Milazzo stated that Mr. Carey, Mr. Szabo and the Members have directed Mr. Colabufo to be in charge of processing and amending the Plan, to meet twice a month with the consultant and share the reports with all the Members of LICAP, Voting and Non-Voting Members, so they will have input throughout this process. Ms. Meyland asked that the time, place and date of these meetings be noticed to all Members, as well.

The Members scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday, September 12, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined in Nassau County.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Dale, duly seconded by Mr. Dwaydiak, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.