

MANDAN REMEDIATION TRUST (MRT)

January 8, 2019

Meeting: 304th Official Meeting
Date: January 8, 2019
Location: Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave. NW
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The MRT meeting was called to order by Jim Neubauer. Francis Schwindt was present. Dave Glatt was absent. Also, Carl Ness and Leon Vetter from the North Dakota Department of Health were present.

Minutes. MRT minutes from the December 4, 2018 were previously reviewed.

Motion. Schwindt moved and second by Neubauer to approve minutes of December 4, 2018. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pay Request. Billing from the City of Mandan for 4th quarter utilities on the remediation building was reviewed.

Motion. Schwindt moved and second by Neubauer to approve the City of Mandan 4th quarter utility billing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pay Request. Statement of activities from Schwindt for January to December 2018. Since Glatt is not present, bill will be reviewed in February.

Huntington's Books. Neubauer – We received an inquiry as to when wells at Huntington's Bookstore can be plugged and, in turn, remove the remediation pipe from the basement of that building at 218 West Main. The Huntington's have received a notice to vacate the premises, which is to be done by February 23, 2019. The city commission will approve a purchase agreement tonight with the new potential owners. They have signed it and are looking for a 30-day window in which they can get into the building without all the books in there and evaluate the building. Somewhere in the 30-day window between February 23rd to March 23rd, we can probably get the wells plugged and pipes taken out. I think the Department of Health is okay with that plan of action. My hope is that the books are out by February 23rd, and that we can get in and do that work shortly thereafter. That will have to be a moving target depending on the status of when the Huntington's can actually get the books out.

Neubauer – Other than that, were there were any other issues that have come up?

Neubauer – The Tribune (Jessica Holdman) had called me on some updates on the remediation plan. I would expect to see something in the paper in the next week or so on kind of a status update, next plans and things like that, some talking points by you all before we sent those out.

Schwindt – Okay. I did make contact with Roger Schmid with Water Supply. He had indicated an interest in plugging the wells. I had talked to one contractor about the possibility of removing the pipes, but with the dates that we are dealing with, I know he said he has surgery scheduled for the 25th of February, so I think that was the date, so I'm not sure that he is going to be available to do the work because of that surgery, but he might have some others involved. I did talk with Roger Schmid about whether Curt Holle might be interested in removing the pipe. He was going to talk to him about it. I haven't heard any response back, so I'll have to follow-up with him to see whether he is interested in doing that or whether Western Plains Consulting. Did you talk to them about plugging the wells at all?

Neubauer - I have not called Lance back in order to one see if Roger with Water Supply is interested in plugging the wells.

Neubauer – So the question to Lance would be would they be interested in pipe removal or also be interested in plugging the wells?

Schwindt – I think they are certified well contractors, so they can do both, I suppose.

Neubauer – I mean once the wells are plugged, you are just taking the pipe out other than there would be some work on the pipe that is pulled out the rear entrance of the building, so there would be that area of the foundation. There is just a concrete patch. I'm not sure how they do that. I will call Lance and find out if he wants to provide a bid. Do you want me to give him your number?

Schwindt – Sure, or I can give him a call too.

Neubauer – Okay. If you want to.

Schwindt – Okay. Does anybody know any other contractors that might be interested in removing the pipe?

Vetter – There would be a few, but off the top I can't think...

Schwindt – Well give it some thought, and if you can think of somebody, just let me know who they are, and I can try contacting them.

Vetter –Locally there isn't a lot of them. They come all the way in from Grand Forks. I mean somebody locally might be somebody like Badlands Environmental, but I think he'd have to be a certified well driller in order to even remove... to abandon the wells, if I'm not mistaken, in North Dakota.

Schwindt – Yes. To do the well plugging.

Vetter – So, I don't think that he is. Now Braun Intertec would be another one. They're usually pretty reasonable priced, and I know they have certified well drillers. They're out of Bismarck now. They have offices in Bismarck anyway.

Schwindt – I think we got the well thing covered. And I don't have any objection to soliciting any other bids you know to do that work. I don't have any objection to that at all. I think we have a contractor at least lined up to do that part of it. So all we need then is another contractor or the same contractor if they're going to do both to remove the pipe.

Neubauer – Once you cut the pipe off, I don't know if there is any electrical work?

Schwindt – There shouldn't be. It's all low voltage electrical stuff that would be coming in, so it would be a matter of removing the pipe and making sure that if there's any free liquids in the pipe, you know that that is captured, so they don't leave a mess in the building.

Neubauer – I've got a couple contractors who work for the fire department outside of their normal fire department job that might be able to come in and say yeah I'll do that, look in the pipe other than a screw down in it and a saws-all to cut some pipe off, there isn't much there to do, there's just five feet.

Schwindt – the biggest issue will be trying to figure out what we do where the pipes egress the building.

Neubauer – I'll check with a couple of them too.

Schwindt – Okay.

Neubauer – Like you said, for what that would entail I can't imagine more than half a day.

Schwindt – Well it's going to take longer than that. Because you got six pipes that are running essentially the whole length of the building. There are six two-inch pipes, and then you've got all the four-inch stuff where the control valves and all that kind of stuff are at up in front. You know, so it's going to take several days unless you've got a really big crew, to come in and rip stuff out.

Neubauer – Again, maybe I was oversimplifying it a little bit. I'll see if anyone there... if those folks would be interested too.

Schwindt – Sure. And I know when I was talking to the one contractor, he wanted to get into the building and take a look at it so he knew what he was getting into, and if these guys want to do the same thing, I can try to show them around, or I guess if you got keys, that means you can let them go in there and do that.

Neubauer – It might be best if you were with, so if you got to capture any goo that comes out, then you can be there and throw it in a garbage can, and then it can be disposed of.

Schwindt – Okay.

Neubauer – Anything else gentlemen?

Ness and Vetter – No.

Neubauer - Fritz?

Schwindt – I talked to Rusty sometime awhile ago, and there weren't any issues that he was aware of at that point in time so...

No Further Business.

Next Meeting. February 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn. Schwindt moved to adjourn at 10:12 a.m.; second by Neubauer. All ayes. Motion carried.