

Organization Town of Champion

Board Sewer Board

Date and Time Tuesday, July 29 2003 at 5:00 PM

Place Village of Black River Municipal Building (old fire station) Leray St Black River

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Minutes

~~TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD MEMBERS~~

~~FROM: Chris Vargulick, Secretary~~

~~RE: Minutes of July 29, 2003 meeting~~

Present: K. Amyot, T. Buckley, J. Eddy, D. Gorham, W. Hall, K. Jordan, S. Lillie,
D. Miller, G. O'Dell, K. Smith, R. Taylor, C.Vargulick and S. Yorton

Excused: R. Mallette

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board met in special session Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at the Village of Black River Municipal Building. David Miller, USDA-RUD, attended the meeting to discuss future phases of the project.

K. Jordan outlined specific project issues identified by the Board at their last meeting:

- Future phases - scope and size? The estimated cost to complete the Rutland and Black River south phases of the project is \$12M.
- Completion of project design - utilize contingency balances from LeRay phases and Black River bridge crossing.
- Stearns and Wheler engineering proposal

K. Smith and D. Miller discussed the advancement of the project as evidenced during a corridor drive-through. D. Miller reiterated his support for the project. He is encouraged by the progress and level of cooperation between the component communities.

K. Jordan distributed a cost estimate for the balance of the project. D. Miller encouraged the Board to focus on service areas rather than particular districts.

D. Gorham asked for a clarification of phases in relation to funding cycles.

K. Jordan emphasized the necessity of exploring avenues to control/reduce project costs. Approximately \$500,000 in funding may be available from the balances remaining in Phases I and II of the LeRay projects and \$50-100,000 from the monies reserved for the Black River bridge crossing. An IMA between the Towns of LeRay and Rutland would be necessary to divert the funds for use in the Rutland/Black River south project.

W. Hall discussed the engineering proposal. Mr. Hall reminded the Board that Rutland has completed the necessary survey work as part of their water project. A survey study would have to be performed in the Black River south service area. He indicated that if survey work were to begin now and -completed by October 1, 2003 that the design could be completed in order to have_-a phase ready to bid by spring, 2004 contingent on a funding announcement.

K. Smith asked if the engineers anticipate recommending strategies to reduce the cost of all aspects of restoration including but not limited to reducing the number of road cuts and paving.

W. Hall responded that recommendations will be determined in conjunction with the identified project phases.

T. Buckley stated that it is imperative to include funds for planning in the project budgets.

D. Miller concurred and added that GIS digitized mapping should be considered to enhance the developmental aspects of the project.

W. Hall and K. Jordan reviewed Engineering Authorization #6. The agreement will be reviewed by component boards at their next regular meetings and be placed on the Route 3 Sewer Board's August agenda. In order to provide the opportunity for each Board Member to obtain approval to sign Authorization # 6 from their respective Boards, the next regular Route 3 Meeting was postponed one week.

S. Yorton recommended that the engineers consider a bid alternative for rock boring rather than blasting. D. Miller added that boring may allow contractors to avoid some archeological stage 1 studies.

The Board discussed restoration issues in general. W. Hall suggested that future contracts may need to include stronger language to compel the contractor to satisfy the requirements of landowners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55PM.

The next regular meeting of the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board is rescheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 5:00PM at the Town of LeRay Municipal Building to give component boards sufficient time to review and act on the engineering authorization.