



CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2005

Members Present: Bruce Holgate, Carolyn Lee, Jan Lundebrek, Ray Millett, Allen Saunders.

Members Absent: Renee Hayden, Barry Jungwirth, Bill Lee, Brian McNeill, Leroy Noreen, Steve Verhelst

Fibrominn: Greg Langmo, Carl Strickler

Guests: Rob Wolfington (City of Benson)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Benson City Hall.

Minutes for last meeting were handed out; however, no action was taken on approving the minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting will be considered for approval next meeting.

Carl Strickler thanked the CAP, City of Benson, Swift County, Swift County Grow and the citizens of Benson for their patience and unwavering support. The positive attitude of the community has been a key to bringing the project to this point of facility construction.

CAP MANAGEMENT:

As project development is now done, Rob Wolfington informed the CAP that the City could no longer provide administrative support for the CAP as it is not an official entity of the City and Fibrominn is a private company.

Carl Strickler informed the CAP that Greg Langmo was the first official hire of Fibrominn. Greg will be the plant's Fuel and Transportation Manager. Additional duties include community outreach and CAP Committee responsibility.

The CAP discussed Panel membership. The consensus was that the CAP is to be inclusive of any interested parties. A number of names were mentioned as potential members. Members that knew those interested in being involved said they would make contact and invite them to the next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATE:

Carl discussed recent project developments that include the completion of the financing through Prudential, John Hancock and four other parties on December 10th, 2004. At that time, a full notice to proceed was issued to key system suppliers (boiler, steam turbine generator, air pollution control and air-cooled condenser). Because of the work that Fibrominn undertook this past summer, the various suppliers now have a running start and will be able to react quicker during the upcoming construction season.

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SNC-Lavalin, the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (“EPC”) contractor, informed Fibrominn that as of January 1, 2005 they had twenty full-time engineers working on the project. They will be adding another 10 in the next few days. As the engineering work proceeds, more staff will be added.

Though Fibrominn has no control over who SNC might use as vendors, suppliers, or contractors, Fibrominn has informed SNC of the fine companies available locally. Any one needing more information on the project should contact Greg.

Design of the City of Benson sewer and water system that will serve the site is moving ahead and will be installed later this year.

SNC Lavalin has reported to Fibrominn that site activity should begin in full force in late March or early April, depending on weather conditions.

A ground breaking ceremony will likely be planned for late spring.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.