



CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2005

Members Present: Bruce Holgate, Dr. Rick Horecka, Jan Lundebrek

Members Absent: The Reverend Dave Andert, Renee Hayden, Barry Jungwirth, Bill Lee, Carolyn Lee, Brian McNeill, Ray Millett, Leroy Noreen, Allen Saunders, Father Steve Verhelst

Fibrominn: Greg Langmo, Carl Strickler

Guests: Rob Wolfington, Larry Stubben SNC Project Construction Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm at Benson City Hall.

Minutes from the last meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting due to the small number of members in attendance.

It was suggested that in the future committee members be called to remind them of the meeting.

Introductions:

Larry Stubben, SNC Lavalin's Construction Manager was on hand to introduce himself to the panel. Larry is looking for housing and making arrangements for site mobilization. His initial tasks are to secure a post office box, arrange site services, and plan the lay-down site. He intends to move to Benson the last week of April.

When construction is underway, Larry expects to have 15 full time people on his staff. At this time, he is looking for two full time office assistants that could start within the next 30-60 days.

Construction Progress:

Piling operations will begin the first week of May with foundation installation to follow shortly thereafter. At the same time, the lay-down area north of Industry Drive (northeast corner of CSAH 3 & Industry Drive) will be graveled for parking and equipment storage.

The panel reviewed pictures of the boiler tubes being off-loaded in China and trucked a short distance to the fabrication plant. It is expected to take several months to complete the fabrication process. The boiler should arrive on site in October or November.

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SNC has added several more staff to the project and everything is going as planned. By mid to late summer, structural steel will be erected. At this point visual changes in the site will become fairly dramatic.

Philadelphia:

Carl reported that he is in the process of adding two more staff to his main office operations. He expects these folks to be on board within 30 days or so. In addition, the lease on the office has expired requiring Fibrowatt to relocate. New space has been found and the actual move will take place in the next 60 days. There will be no effect on the progress of the Minnesota project. Although, it is expected that there will be some long nights, tired backs and frayed nerves before the office is settled in its new quarters.

Other Projects:

The panel was informed that Fibrowatt has submitted a response to a Request for Information on a potential project in Maryland. A lot of work went into the response and Fibrowatt remains hopeful that this will lead to the construction of a plant on the Maryland Eastern Shore soon.

Rupert has been busy visiting with other poultry producing areas about locating facilities in other areas of the U.S. He is working hard to grow the business and is optimistic about the prospects.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, however, it may be prudent to move it back a month as no site work will have begun by that time. The panel should advise Greg Langmo as to their thoughts.

Items Distributed to CAP members

None