

Twin Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Steering Council Minutes

Date: 1/12/2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Twin Lakes Village Hall, Twin Lakes, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Members in attendance: Robert Livingston, Steering Council Chairperson

Tony Migon, Aquatic Plants Committee (late due to traffic)

Jamie Smith, Shoreline Protection Committee

Bryan Neal, Water Quality Committee

Vytautas Barcus, Stormwater Committee

Corinne Krebs, Communication Committee

Tom Porps, Water Safety Committee

Others in attendance: Trustee Mike Moran

Minutes:

No minutes were read or approved.

Old Business:

Three firms were invited to the special "final decision" meeting, Christopher Burke Engineering, Graef Anhalt & Schloemer, and Northern Environmental. After further review of each proposal Robert Livingston and Corinne Krebs felt that Northern Environmental may provide the same services for a better rate than the other firms. Other members of the Council agreed to give them a chance to explain their proposal. Each firm addressed the Council for approximately 15 minutes, then, the Council members asked questions which usually lasted 20 minutes. Each firm emphasized that the way to really address the issue from upland.

New Business:

Once the firms had presented, the Council members were faced with making a final decision. Christopher Burke made a solid presentation, adequately answered all the questions, and demonstrated experience on small, narrow lots. However, the Council members felt that their lack of experience and knowledge in Wisconsin grant funding opportunities took them out of the running. The Council spent the next hour to hour and half debating between Graef, Anhalt, & Schloemer (GAS) and Northern Environmental. Members felt the two firms were drastically different offering both strengths and weaknesses from their differences.

GAS, being substantially larger, provided a lot of written resources and professional documents. The firm proposed several options at different financial commitment levels and demonstrated a strong understanding of available funding opportunities. However, many of the suggestions seemed to be weighted toward conventional engineering with little emphasis given to alternatives and environmental options.

Northern Environmental took a different approach to the project, analyzing the context and potential controversy surrounding the project. The firm provided one solution that they felt would give the greatest impact on a small lot. Members were concerned about the size of the firm being a limiting factor in some future projects. Robert Livingston explained the firm had some connection with Bonestroo, although he was uncertain of

the relationship details. Members also considered the proposed solution; Northern Environmental proposed a concrete baffle with up stream check dams in the ditches. Although the company did not provide the "all natural solution" to the problem the council members believed the firm had considered more natural alternatives and chose the solution that would be most effective, while keeping controversy down. The representatives of Northern Environmental also proposed a funding technique that could create a snow ball affect in funding future projects. In the end, the Council voted unanimously in favor of Northern Environmental to handle Lake District projects and obtain funding for such projects.

Next meeting date: 1/26/2006 at 7:00 PM, Twin Lakes Village Hall

Motion to adjourn by: Tom Porps

Seconded: Tony Migon

Approved