

Dismal Swamp Commission Meeting

Location: Edison Municipal Complex

Date: July 3, 2018

Attendees: Bob Seader, Bob Diehl, Treasurer; Walter Stochel, Jr. Vice Chair, Dorothy Rasmussen, Chair, John Wiley, Rob Bengivenga, and Kenneth Sammond, Secretary.

- Dorothy Rasmussen opened the meeting at 7:10 and distributed the minutes from the meetings of March 20, 2018, April 17, 2018, and May 29, 2018, for review. She asked if there were any corrections that were necessary.
- Chair Rasmussen stated that we should correct the spelling of Bob Spiegel's name in the fourth bullet point of the April 17, 2018 minutes. There were no other corrections.
- Walter made a motion to accept the minutes for March 20, 2018. Ken Sammond seconded. Chair Rasmussen, Ken Sammond and Walter Stochel, voted to approve. Bob Seader, Bob Diehl, Rob Bengivenga recused themselves from voting.
- Bob Diehl made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018; Bob Seader seconded. Walter – yes; Spiegel – Absent; all – yes;
- Ken Sammond made a motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 2018. Rob Bengivenga seconded.
- Chair Rasmussen asked for the subcommittee to report on the bids for the request for professional services to determine the metes and bounds of the Dismal Swamp.
- Ken Sammond stated that a report had been emailed a copy of their findings to the chair and to out legal counsel.
- Walter Stochel stated that Najarian has an advantage since it has all of the required services in-house. Rob Bengivenga discussed the fact that Najarian's proposed bid is significantly less than Princeton Hydro.
- John Wiley provided a resolution to be approved by the Dismal Swamp Commission that they may procure professional services.
- The members of the subcommittee concluded that the commission should retain the services of Najarian Associates to determine the metes and bounds of the Dismal Swamp,
- Chair Rasmussen asked if we should make a motion to accept the report and recommendations of the subcommittee.

- Rob Bengivenga made a motion, Ken Sammond, seconded it; Roll call: Bob Seader-Yes, Bob Diehl-Yes, Walter Stochel, Jr. -Yes, Dorothy Rasmussen-Yes, Rob Bengivenga-Yes, and Kenneth Sammond-Yes.
- Rob Bengivenga stated that we need to take into account the fact that as metes and bounds are being determined by Najarian, we may need to meet again in order to approve these determined metes and bounds.
- Walter Stochel suggested that a subcommittee be created to coordinate the subcontract. Discussion followed.
- Dorothy stated that she received grant extension through December 31, 2018. Chair Rasmussen also stated that she has submitted two reports to DCA for the status of the grant.
- Rob Bengivenga pointed out that we should have a deliverable date for Najarian Associates, suggesting December 1, 2018 so that we can meet our deadlines.
- Chair Rasmussen reminded the commissioners that much of the other work we will be doing is dependent upon completion of the metes and bounds
- Rob Bengivenga suggested that Items 1 & 2 of the proposal be completed within 90 days of the signing of the contract resolution.
- Rob B stated that we should make a motion that we make a payment on behalf of the DSPC.
- Dorothy asked if there was any new business. None was brought up by any members.
- Rob B asked when the next meeting would be.
- John Wiley recommended that we circulate the contract via email in lieu of meeting in person. Chair Rasmussen recommended that we meet on August 28, the last Tuesday in the month. The next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Borough Hall
- Walter Stochel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Seader seconded the motion. Roll call: Bob Diehl-Yes, Dorothy Rasmussen-Yes, Rob Bengivenga-Yes, and Kenneth Sammond-Yes
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.