

COMMISSION MEETING

May 16, 2007

CDRPC Conference Room

One Park Place, Suite 102

Albany, New York 12205

MINUTES

- PRESENT:** Betty Barnette, Willard Bruce, Henry Dennis, John Graziano, Stan Brownell, Judy Breselor, Fred Acunto, Philip Barrett, Christopher Callaghan, Spencer Hellwig, John Murray, Gary Hughes, Barbara Mauro, Michael Petta, David Vincent
- ABSENT:** Lucille McKnight, James Shaughnessy, Mike Stammel, Raymond Gillen
- PRESIDING:** Gary Hughes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

1. Welcome/Introduction of Guests

David Lewis from University at Albany and Chris Fish and Jeff Christoff from Vistec.

2. March 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were distributed before the meeting. No corrections were made.

Action Taken

John Graziano made a motion to approve the minutes, and Stan Brownell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Financial Statement through April 30, 2007

The financial statement reflects activities through April 2007. With one third of the year complete, the revenues are at 36.4% and the expenses are at 30.0%.

The first quarter billings were sent out to the appropriate billing agencies for the Water Quality Program, Wind Energy Initiative, UPWP, CDYCI, and CSO. There is approximately \$121,000 cash in the bank and outstanding receivables totaling just over \$136,000. We have three CD's, one for \$20,000 that expires in July, another for \$30,000 that expires in December, and another for \$20,000 that expires next April.

Dorfman-Robbie, PC has begun the 2006 Audit. A report will be presented to the Board at the August Board meeting.

Action Taken

John Graziano made a motion to approve the Financial Statement, and Mike Petta seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Foreign Trade Zone Amendment: Name Change

Albany Molecular Research, Inc. is requesting an amendment to the existing Foreign Trade Sub Zone Operations Agreement to reflect the change in its corporate entity. Previously known as Organichem, it is requesting the change to reflect its reference name as Albany Molecular Research-Rensselaer, Inc. (AMRI-Rensselaer, Inc.)

There will be no changes in operation or any other activity on the site as a result of the name change.

Action Taken

John Murray made a motion to approve the amendment, and Bill Bruce seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. National Nanotechnology Foundry – EDA Proposal

Chris Fish and Jeff Christoff of Vistec gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board to request approval for inclusion of the National Nanotechnology Foundry Study on CDRPC's CEDS approved project list.

Nanotechnology is the field of applied science and technology, which covers the formation of structures of a few nanometers in size, with a nanometer being a billionth of a meter. The College for Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) at UAlbany has made the Capital Region one of world leaders in nanotechnology research and development.

To accelerate the growth of nanotechnology in the U.S., it is proposed that a study be initiated to establish a fully integrated National Nanotechnology Foundry Center to foster nanotechnology-based manufacturing from research through prototyping. The study would encompass both the defense and commercial sectors to leverage related nanotechnology applications, and would be conducted through the Watervliet Arsenal Business & Technology Partnership in conjunction with CNSE and Vistec Semiconductor Lithography, Inc.

The elements of the study include an evaluation of the requirements for the creation of a Foundry Center, an assessment of equipment needs, development of a business model, identification of commercial and defense nanotechnology applications, and the creation of a four year business plan.

David Vincent asked what the expected cost for the facility and who would share in those costs. That information is part of the study and it will depend on how long it takes to get through the study.

Fred Acunto inquired how many new jobs this project would create. That information will be more precise once the study is done. However, Mr. Christoff expects 50-100+ new positions will be created from this project.

Bill Bruce inquired how the project would be financed after the study was done. The project would be funded through private and government funding. There is approximately \$1-4million available in grant funding.

Rocky added that this proposed study does meet EDA criteria and will be located in a census tract eligible for EDA funding. The EDA has not had any discussion with Vistec regarding this project and will wait until CDRPC Board authorizes its inclusion on CEDS approved project list.

Action Taken

Henry Dennis made a motion to authorize inclusion of the National Nanotechnology Foundry Study on CDRPC's CEDS approved project list. Chris Callaghan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Presentation of the Fiscal Impacts of the Alternative Development Scenarios in the Capital Region.

David Lewis, a professor in the Department of Planning & Geography at the University at Albany, gave a presentation on the Fiscal Impacts of the Alternative Development Scenarios to Board. This is the third presentation associated with the fiscal impact analysis. Mr. Lewis went over the study's findings and potential fiscal impacts on Water, Sewer, Schools, and Emergency Management Services for each of the four scenarios.

The four alternative growth patterns are being evaluated based on two sets of projections: CDRPC's targeted projections showing an increase of 72,707 persons to 867,000 by 2030 and a "high growth" scenario that assumes the rate of population growth in the Capital Region will be comparable to the national rate of approximately 1% per year or a 229,341 increase to 1,023,634 by 2030.

A copy of the presentation is included.

7. Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan Update

A joint partnership has been created by the Consultant Team of Clough Harbour, Malcolm Pirnie and CDM and they have submitted an agreement for services to prepare the Long Term Control Plan to CDRPC. The proposed agreement is presently under review by Michael Hall. CDRPC and the six communities have provided feedback and comments and will be negotiating with the Consultant Team on any changes made to the agreement.

The Public Participation Plan has been approved by DEC and is in the early stages of implementation. Invitations to join the PPP's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) have been mailed to environmental, sporting, and community groups. A CAC meeting is planned for this summer. A letter of interest will also be sent out to Federal & State elected officials to invite them to an informational session about the CSO project.

8. Staff Activity Report

The Staff Activity Report was distributed before the meeting. There was no discussion.

9. Other Business

The LUCA Workshops were very successful and had very good participation by the municipalities within the four counties. There will be follow-up training sessions within the next couple of months to work with local municipalities to review the materials from the census bureau.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next Commission meeting will be held August 15, 2007 at 8:30am.

11. Adjournment

Chris Callaghan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Stan Brownell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stammel
Secretary