

# LOUP POWER DISTRICT

## Board Meeting Summary

October 22, 2008

### **Quality of Life Center Study —**

The Quality of Life Center Study for the City of Columbus was addressed by President/CEO Neal Suess. He reminded the Directors that this is only a study and members of the community would be involved from the standpoint of agreeing what needs to be done. Funds raised for the study are approximately \$40,000 to \$45,000 with the projected cost of the study to run between \$75,000 and \$95,000. Columbus City Administrator Joe Mangiamelli informed the Board that the City, through the library has committed \$7,500 for the study. President/CEO Suess said District support of the study is needed regardless of funding being provided. The Directors declined to provide any funding for the study.

### **Operating Proforma —**

The 2009 operating proforma was approved.

### **Construction Budget —**

Amendment One to the 2008 Construction Budget was approved.

### **Reserve —**

Vice President of Administrative Services Kim Grubaugh discussed the reserve being built due to the District's self insurance plan. It is being funded at the same level it started with. At this time no ceiling has been set.

### **General Election —**

Director Kumpf reminded the Board the general election will be held in two weeks.

### **Campers —**

Director Cerv said there are still campers using the District's parks. President/CEO Suess informed the Board the District is aware of several campers using District facilities due to the lack of short term housing in the Columbus area.

### **Identity Theft Prevention Program —**

President/CEO Neal Suess informed the Board the District is required to have in place by November 1, 2008 an Identity Theft Prevention Program. The District has come up with an Executive Order 08-03 in compliance with government regulations. Executive Order 08-03 Identity Theft Prevention Program was approved.

### **Wage and Salary Structure —**

President/CEO Neal Suess informed the Directors the wage and salary structure for 2009 has been modified in accordance with discussions with the Board earlier this year. In order to use a performance based pay system, a new performance evaluation system was developed. The performance evaluations are taking place after several years of not performing evaluations. The Board approved funding the overall salary in 2009 to employees at 5.9 percent greater than 2008 and adjust the wage scale with an increase of 4.5 percent effective January 1, 2009.

### **Rate Hearing —**

President/CEO Neal Suess informed the Board NPPD would be holding a wholesale rate hearing on November 13, 2008, due to a request by Southern PPD. On November 7, 2008, NPPD would also be having a customer meeting.

### **Wind Energy —**

During the month, the Directors had been sent copies of three letters from landowners near Petersburg supporting wind energy. Landowners near Petersburg have also held a meeting with NPPD to discuss wind energy farms in the Petersburg area.

### **Railroad Issues —**

Railroad issues are occurring in the east industrial park with new industries. The District is trying to assist these industries in their negotiations with the railroad.

### **PAD —**

The Preliminary Application Document (PAD) for the hydroelectric relicensing project was filed with FERC on October 16, 2008. If any Director would like to review the PAD it will be located at the District's General Office for their review.

### **November Board Meetings —**

There will be two board meetings in November due to the lengthy items on the agenda. These meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will run as long as necessary for the Directors to cover all agenda items.

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The following work orders were approved.

**W.O. No.                      Description**

**2008    Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492    Item No. Contingency**

Add three phase recloser to Preferred Rock line west of Sandpile Sub. Plant expansion has resulted in higher amp values than fusing allows. Also, because of the large amount of three phase load, a three phase protection device is necessary for improved reliability. Location will be on the fuse pole just west of the sub. Fuse equipment will remain as a bypass for recloser maintenance.

**2010    Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1192    Item No. 2**

This work order will consist of rebuilding a 1.54 mile segment of 34.5kV line east of Genoa. T2-1/0 ACSR conductor and a 3/8" EHS shield wire for lightning protection will be utilized with vertical construction. This work is necessary because the existing line is unshielded and in poor condition. Also, with the Preferred Rocks sand facility at the Headworks, the ampacity of this line must be increased.

**2011    Responsibility area 923 Budget Code 1292    Item No. 6**

This work will consist of installing 16 new poles and stringing 11,235 feet of 4 ACSR conductor and neutral. This work is being done to complete a loop around Wagner's Lake to improve reliability.

This work order is over the approved budget amount because tree growth in the lake area requires the replacement of more poles than estimated to allow for increased line height.

**PO**

**40674    Responsibility Area 926    Budget Code 4592    Item No. 3**

This work order provides for the replacement of the three drainage tubes located downstream of the skimming weir at the Headworks. These tubes control the return flow from the dredge back into the canal. The current tubes are corrugated metal pipes (cmp) and are original tubes. They are rusting out which is making the headwalls unstable which in turn is making the berm road unstable. A total replacement is necessary.

An independent contractor will form and pour three concrete box culverts and headwalls downstream of the existing cmps. The box culverts will be sized to the proper capacity and stop log guides will be incorporated into the headwall. By relocating the replacement box culverts, the original cmps can remain in-service until the replacements are completed.

**OWP**

**911    Responsibility Area 925 Budget Code 2192    Item No. 8**

This work order provides for the construction of a two-bay pole shed with overhead doors. This enclosed structure will be used to store equipment and to protect the equipment from the elements thus prolonging the service life of the equipment.

Loup crews will complete all earthwork and build the structure. Outside contractors will be retained to supply and install the overhead doors and an electrician will be retained to complete the minimal internal wiring required.

**2009    Responsibility Area 923 Budget Code 1492    Item No. 3**

This work will consist of installing eight new poles, building a new three phase transformer mounting and stringing 7000 feet of 4 ACSR conductor and neutral. This work is needed to provide service to a new railroad track heater and switching area for the UPRR located west of Columbus near RR mile post 88.

Contract 2008-02 Three Phase Padmount Distribution Transformers was approved.