

Committee Members Present: Jeremy Pipsair (Chair), Scott Sternfels, Jamie Boudreaux and Keith Sheffie. Absent: Bryan Dugas.

Other Board Members Present: Charles Brown, Paul Lewis, Keith Sheffie, Calvin Steward, and Jeremy Pipsair.

Also Present: B. J. Francis, Lucille, Guillot, Amy Daigle, Ginger Rushing, Rickey Mollere, Shawn Dupaty, ADA Cody Martin, Linda Cook with The Bayou Pioneer, Roy A. Waggenpack with Owen and White Engineering, Michael Newchurch and Joseph Savoie with C.J. Savoie Engineering.

Jeremy Pipsair started the engineering committee meeting by saying, questions arose on whether or not we can move forward on the SCADA project. The short of it is "yes we can". We can use an RFP (Request for Proposal) for this process.

Jim Boudreaux asked the ADA Cody Martin if this was a change order.

Mr. Martin replied that this does not fall as a change order. He stated that at the last meeting the board had to make a determination whether the second part of the SCADA project was a continuation of the first work done of the project or a completely separate project. When we started researching and looking at the public bid law, we discovered that there is a specific provision under the bid law, Telecommunications and Data Processing Procurement Law that states if you are going to get some kind of computer data processing type equipment, which we feel the SCADA systems falls under, you can actually bypass the bidding of the public bid law and require it through a RFP.

There was some discussion about the bid law and the Telecommunications and Data Processing Procurement Law.

ADA Martin stated that he could read the statute to the board if you want to hear it specially.
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Mr. Pipsair made a recommendation to move forward with the RFP based on the opinion from legal.

Scott Sternfels stated that the committee got clarification on the RFP. The SCADA work falls under this law and the attorney has given clarification so he is good with moving forward.

Jeremy polled the committee and they all agreed with the recommendation to move forward with the RFP. Jeremy then said he would recommend that to the board.

The engineering committee meeting was adjourned.