

October 13, 2016, Conference Call

Alex Nelson - Gibraltar

Scott Cherry - Skillman

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Todd Van Keppel, Sharon Qualkenbush, Lisa Frankus - VCS

Temperature Control bids and Technology Bid Package #1 came in below estimate and contracts will be awarded at the October 20, 2016 Board meeting.

Solar Energy Summary Report

The cost to install solar panels at Memorial, Cooks, Parkview, Northview, Central, Thomas Jefferson and Flint Lake Elementary Schools is \$287,000. Installation at Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin Middle Schools cost is \$110,000. Solar panels at the new elementary school and VHS are already planned and budgeted for. Panels at Cooks and Memorial are planned and change orders are forthcoming.

Overall, the average installation cost is \$41,000 per school; the annual energy savings is \$1,290 per year / per school; and the simply payback is approximately 30 years.

NIPSCO has a net metering program, and the state may have other incentives yet to be determined.

Emergency Generators

Currently the new elementary school and VHS are equipped as crisis centers. Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin Middle Schools each have generators that need to be upgraded.

Upcoming Projects

Scott reported that plans will begin for the sidewalk from the new elementary school to the proposed round-about at Highway 2. There will have to be a small foot bridge constructed over the ditch. Construction will begin in June 2017 for completion at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. The possibility of using asphalt to create a walking / bike path instead of sidewalk was discussed.

Upcoming Meetings

Beauty Creek Dam project meeting October 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the construction trailer at VHS

Building Corporation meeting October 24th at 10:00 a.m. at Dave Hollenbeck's Office.