

SOUTH SANGAMON WATER COMMISSION  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham-New Berlin Water Commission was held on September 15, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. in the office of Greene & Bradford, Inc. 3501 Constitution Drive, Springfield, IL.

In Attendance:

Commissioner Del McCord - Chatham

Commissioner Bill Pfeffer - New Berlin

John Myers - Attorney

Gary Kuntzman - Greene & Bradford, Inc.

Jay Jessen – Greene & Bradford, Inc.

Mike Williamsen – Chatham

Robert Trader – EMC

Herb Butler – EMC

Jennifer Anders - EMC

Todd Thomas - EMC

Joe Pisula – Donohue & Associates

Steve Frank – Mayor, New Berlin

Not in Attendance:

Commissioner Craig Hall – Sangamon County Board

McCord called the meeting to order at approximately 8:15 a.m. There The Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pfeffer and a second was made McCord. Ayes: Pfeffer & McCord Nays: None Myers began with a brief overview of the Eminent Domain proceedings. He will contact the Spugeons and try to facilitate a deal. If not, he will give them to September 25, 2009 and then he will begin proceedings for eminent domain. He stated that it may be necessary to hold a special meeting to begin this procedure. He will contact everyone regarding the meeting if necessary.

Kuntzman gave a report regarding the test wells. The test wells have been completed and they are currently drilling the observation wells at the location where river turns. There are two holes within 30 feet of each other. Martha Silks, the well advisor, wants to drill in very southeast corner closer to the river. Reynolds Well Drilling from Riverton is doing the work, and we are currently we are using Vulcan Materials to access the wells.

The two options we have expire soon, Mendenhall ends December 29, 2009 and Papavil ends in February.

It was discussed that there will be some type of staging area necessary. It may be possible to get the area west of plant and use it for temporary construction. The final size and location will be determined soon. The current tenant farmer does not want anyone out in the area until after the crops have been brought in. Sometime in late October we should have access.

McCord mentioned that we may be able to trade land for the easement. It was decided that once we had the final amount of space needed, we would determine the best way to acquire the space.

There was a brief discussion about the Pilot Well from 1988. It was decided that it would be capped and we would stop paying rent. McCord would call to have the equipment picked up by Water Well Solutions.

Pisula brought up that we need to get a water supply number from the EPA since we are a new entity. It was determined that we would get the number now, so that once the plans are approved, we can move forward instead of having to wait on the number then.

There was a discussion regarding the soil borings. The commission is hoping that we are going to get ok on the flux rate we are using (41) . These borings will tell us what kind of well we can develop & size of pipe & how much water we can produce.

Pisula stated that the design would be finalized by November. Thomas will get a quote on the bonds from Edward Jones and forward them to Trader so he can begin his calculations. Trader stated that he would be able to provide a range of cost by the first of October. Greene & Bradford, Inc. will provide a pricing update for the next meeting based on those figures.

Kuntzman stated that Distribution Mains – Phase 2/3/4 are in for permitting. EPA has had it 40 days, and the County has had Phase 2A since June. McCord stated he would talk to the County to see where we currently stand.

Pisula stated that the EPA would like clarification as to what was going to be owned by the commission vs. the villages.

Myers suggested that the villages owned to their property line including the transmission main and the commission would own the remainder including the booster pumps. Chatham will own booster tank and ground storage. It was decided that the demarcation should be the meter at Mansion Road.

There was a brief discussion regarding Otter Lake. Myers stated he would do some investigating into the water.

There was a brief discussion regarding the SCADA . for the New Berlin booster pump station, Kuntzman stated that everyone should receive a copy when plans are completed.

Myers stated that they needed to draft agreements with all of the villages. It was decided that Myers and McCord would begin to work on those agreements.

There was a brief discussion regarding the actual date that the water would begin to be available. It was determined that the best estimate would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011. It was determined that a formal notice would need to be given to the City of Springfield & to Loami. Chatham's contract with the City of Springfield will expire on December 31, 2013.

Kuntzman gave a report regarding the railroads. He stated that the railroads are cooperating with us have and we have all but one permit in place.

There was a discussion regarding the recent newspaper articles regarding the negotiations with Chatham. McCord stated that to bring closure to the discussions the Chatham Board of Trustees sent a questionnaire to the City of Springfield (a copy of which is attached) and he read the answers to the Commission.

During the discussion, the continued increase in cost would eventually be passed on to Chatham and New Berlin. He further stated that the answers regarding the long term plans and the apparent rate increases only reiterate the Board's decision to move forward. The fact that the City of Springfield refused to disclose the cost to produce 1 gallon of water and any type of method that is used to define water rates is a clear indication that they have no intention of working towards a workable contract. The current offer of water for the year 2013 is \$4.64/thousand gallons.

Trader and Pisula stated that they would try to get a figure for the next meeting of where they thought the water rate would be coming in at.

Pisula gave a report regarding the Plant. He stated that the final layouts have been reviewed & will be finalized soon. They produce two spec books for the project. He noted that there would be several pieces of equipment that commission will need to purchase. He also stated that there will be permit forms to sign for the EPA. The plans and specs will need to be given to SEC Automation for them to look at for final review. Pisula felt that by the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the final plans & specs would be ready. He also stated that we should have the EPA permits in place by then as well.

There was a discussion regarding the costs and when the commission could expect to see some type of outline regarding the costs. Trader stated that he would have a breakdown based on the current figures available by the next meeting. He further stated that the transit analysis is very close to being completed.

Pisula stated that there was a meeting today with the EPA at 1:30 and he would like additional members of the commission to attend. Pfeffer, Williamsen, Trader and McCord agreed to attend the meeting as well. Pisula mentioned that it was important to get an idea of whether there is a problem now so we know what direction the commission is going to go in. If there are any concerns, or if more test data is needed it is better to find out now. Additionally, it is imperative that the flux rate be defined so the commission can move forward.

McCord began a discussion regarding the USDA. He stated that he had met with them and they are very anxious to help the commission in any way possible, particularly in acquiring funding. He further stated that they have financing available in the form of a grant and they also have low interest rate loans available. They also can help us figure out how to get the most money from each entity. Currently we need 3 million dollars for this project. Pisula volunteered to meet with the USDA and get more information regarding how we proceed. He stated that they may need some type of report from us in order to determine how to help finance the commission.

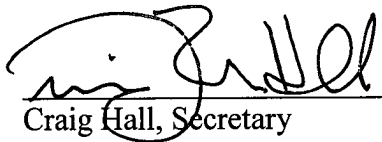
Williamsen presented the Intergovernmental Agreement that he had received from Springfield Metro Sanitary District for the Brine Solution Discharge. There was a brief discussion regarding the generality of the agreement. It was determined that Myers would make some changes added more detail to particular items and then return it to the Springfield Metro Sanitary District.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. at  
Greene & Bradford, Inc.

The floor was opened for public discussion; there was none.

The floor was opened for Old Business; there was none.

There being no further business Pfeffer made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by  
McCord. Ayes: McCord, Pfeffer Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.



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Craig Hall, Secretary