

South Sangamon Water Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
January 21, 2020  
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois

**Commissioners:**

Present: Lee Bloome, Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

**Others Present:**

Stephen Bivin, Kevin Canham & Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, et al), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Jamie Headen (Benton & Associates)

**Proceedings:**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by chairman Lee Bloome and roll was taken.

**Operating Report:**

- Stephen Bivin distributed the December 2019 Operating Report.

- The damaged hydrant at Mansion and Curran Roads appeared to have been hit by a vehicle. Bivin will contact the County to ask about tickets in the area around that time. Repairs to the hydrant can wait until Spring.

- Bivin explained that EWAN was a device installed by WesTech on our filtration control box to allow them to remotely access that box. WesTech asked if the commission wants to purchase that device for \$3,500 or they will budget it in with a future train. It is a cellular device specific to the filter train. Bloome recommended we keep it

- Bivin was working with Verizon to get a bundle of statis IP addresses for multitech device. Once complete, all systems could be accessed which could do the job of the current EWAN device. The final decision about the purchase of the EWAN device was tabled until the multitech system is running.

-Bivin talked about the Human Machine Interface (HMI) on the WesTech screen which had been very slow to wake up and come on until it recently wouldn't come on at all; they determined this was due to full memory.

- A new HMI through WesTech would cost about \$15,000.

- Bivin got quotes to replace parts and repair it locally for about \$1,000.

- The manufacturer of the current device said this model is no longer produced or supported; a similar new model would cost about \$3,500.

- Bloome recommended purchasing the new model.

- Discussion regarding whether this will ultimately solve the memory issue. Bivin said we could dump old data to keep memory clear; most of that information is available on hard copies. Commissioner Johnson suggested downloading information for storage on a flash drive or similar.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Johnson to purchase the new model for \$3,500.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Bloome – yes

Motion carried.

- Commissioner Morris asked about Critical Review Status. Bloome reported we met with John Bartolomucci from EPA last week to evaluate that status; these meetings happen about every three years. He believed we could likely be moved off Critical Review list soon.

**Engineering Report by Max Middendorf:**

**New Berlin Meter Relocation:**

- Once the IP addresses are available they would be able to move forward with the switch over to the new meter.
- Jamie Headen reported the New Berlin village attorney asked about a revised easement for the new location. Max would get the legal description and/or PIN to Randy Segatto to research this at the County.
- Discussion indicated the work on the new meter and other work being done in the park should not conflict with each other.

**Pigging Stations:**

- Loellke Plumbing was scheduled to set the lid January 23.

**Chloramine Conversion:**

- Hach had not yet scheduled repairs to the unit. Stephen would contact the serviceman directly to follow up.

**Public Comments:**

- Headen discussed some details regarding upcoming work in New Berlin with Commission and engineer to report back to the village.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION by Morris, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Commissioners received draft financial reports through December 31; there were no questions or discussion.

**Approval for Payment of Invoices:**

- VanProyen distributed a list of open invoices totaling \$37,164.56 for approval and payment along with a list totaling \$5,887.57 of amounts for telephone, utilities and trash hauling that were prepaid to meet due dates.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Morris to approve payment of all invoices on the list presented along with the KAT Express invoice for a total \$42,853.19.

Roll call vote: Morris - yes Johnson – yes Bloome - yes Motion carried.

bonds of the Commission in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,000,000 for the purpose of refunding certain existing bonds of the Commission.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Bloome – yes Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- There was no old business.

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Bloome reported we received information regarding renewal opportunities for expired CRP properties. Clerk would research details and get any forms needed to make application at the February regular meeting.

- Bloome reported regarding outcomes of our recent tri-annual meeting with IEPA:

- They were concerned regarding the transfer switch situation; Bivin would follow up to get a pin down a date for completion of its replacement.

- They were happy with our capacity.

- Following recent problems in University Park with blending waters from multiple water sources, USEPA would no longer allow such blending. With our conversion to chloramines, we will be able to use CWLP for emergencies only.

- They were concerned regarding maintaining pressure for our rural customers. Bloome would continue discussions with village of Chatham regarding short-term solutions using their elevated tank for back pressure. Longer term we would need to begin considering our own elevated storage. Max Middendorf recommended at least a half million gallon capacity and provided various options with costs for use during upcoming budget discussions.

**Adjournment:**

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at the water plant at 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Laura VanProyen, Clerk