

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
October 20, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.
water plant - 9199 Buckhart Rd, Rochester, Illinois

Commissioners:

Present: Terry Burke, Joel Sander
Absent: Craig Hall
Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Dan Held & Keith Sommers (Woodard & Curran), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto et al), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Keith Osburn, Jewel Brant, Darlene Judd, Beckie Ethell

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m by the chairman, Terry Burke.
- Roll was taken.

Public Comments and Questions:

- Commissioners heard from Chatham residents regarding continuing water quality issues, desire for better communication with the Chatham Village Board, concerns about future water rates and requesting better identification on the brine hauling truck.
- Burke, Middendorf and Held answered questions regarding recent pilot test results, ongoing pump maintenance regarding air in effluent, pigging, well cleaning procedures and recent EPA annual inspection.

Management Report:

- Pilot testing by Fife Chemical regarding use of sodium permanganate will require permits (see report Section 2.1).
- Inconsistent fluoride levels leaving the plant may be due to pump size initially based on higher plant production than current levels. Woodard & Curran will research solutions (see report Section 2.3).
- Held and Water Solutions Unlimited met with Village of Chatham utilities representatives to discuss systematic flushing procedures which should allow better testing of water throughout the system for ongoing planning and improvements (see report Section 5.2).

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Sander, second by Burke to approve the September 15, 2015 meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried

Financial Report:

- Laura VanProyen presented the financial report for September 30, 2015 which showed an operating account balance of \$416,945.37.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- VanProyen distributed a list of open payables totaling \$125,211.62.

MOTION by Sander, second by Burke to approve payment of all open payables as presented.

Roll call vote: Sander – yes Burke – yes Motion carried.

Old Business:

Status of EJ Water Cooperative Agreement:

- Segatto and Middendorf were close to having all the information needed from the cooperative to finalize an agreement for approval.

Plans for Joint Meeting with Village of Chatham:

- Segatto reported the meeting is tentatively set for November 4 at 6:00 at a location yet to be named. The meeting must be posted as a special meeting of the commission.
- Segatto continues to communicate with Chatham’s attorneys to prepare an agenda so the commissioners may be prepared to address specific questions. The agenda should look at what is currently being done and working together for future solutions rather than reviewing history which cannot be changed.

Retail Billing Delinquencies:

- VanProyen stated there were a couple retail customers behind on payments for whom this is a recurring problem.
- Treasurer will send letters to anyone with seriously past due balances telling them they must pay, call to make payment arrangements or come to the November board meeting to discuss their account with the commissioners to avoid disconnection.

New Business:

Elevated Storage Options:

- Middendorf reported:
 - elevated storage in the New City area is a good long-term solution but will cost approximately \$1,000,000 including land acquisition and related costs.
 - valve actuation interconnection with Chatham is possible, but the radio controls for such a connection is logistically complex and therefore costly (\$150,000 to \$200,000)
 - hydrostatic tank will be the quickest and least expensive solution to satisfy EPA concerns
- Commissioners agreed to have Middendorf move forward to determine costs and details for a hydrostatic tank including used or leased options

Chlorine Monitor:

- Burke stated a chlorine monitor would allow all day and alarmed monitoring for the chlorine pump which is now tested once per day.
- Commissioners agreed to have Woodard & Curran move forward with a chlorine monitor.

Water Taps:

- Burke will work with Held to get bids for installation of water taps and related boring work.

Well Field Clean Up:

- Burke reported after recent mowing in the well fields we see dirt mounds and brush piles that could be cleaned up; he has an estimate of \$1,400 to level out the dirt; brush removal would be at an additional cost.
- Commissioners agreed to have the dirt piles cleaned up at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

MOTION by Burke, second by Sander to move into closed session to discuss litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Litigation:

Executive session began at 5:43 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m.

MOTION by Sander, second by Burke to authorize Randy Segatto to negotiate a counter proposal to Cahoy's settlement offer.

Roll call vote: Sander – yes Burke - yes

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Sander, second by Burke to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk