

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
October 21, 2014; 8:30 a.m.
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois

Commissioners:

Present: Del McCord, Joel Sander

Absent: Craig Hall

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Bob Dalton (CGTPWD), Dan Held (SSWC), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Jim Mitchell (CGTPWD), John Myers (Rabin & Myers), Laura VanProyen (SSWC)

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Chairman, Del McCord and roll taken.

- There were no public comments or questions

MOTION by Sander, second by McCord to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Laura VanProyen presented September 30, 2014 financial reports showing an operating account balance of \$493,227.71.

- VanProyen reported notice of an increase in the sequestration rate on BAB bonds for FY 2015 to 7.3%, up from 7.2%.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- VanProyen distributed a list of open payables totaling \$88,377.31 after reducing the amount due AT&T because of an earlier payment.

MOTION by Sander, second by McCord to approve payment of open payables.

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

New Berlin / Curran Gardner Emergency Water Connection:

- Joel Sander brought a request from New Berlin for our financial participation in the project for an emergency water connection for them with Curran Gardner Township Public Water District. In previous discussions, an amount of \$20,000 of the project cost was suggested.

- Commissioners agreed this would be good for all of our customers west of the pump station and would serve New Berlin if our plant is down for any reason.

- Max Middendorf stated intergovernmental agreements regarding flow rates and other details will need to be in place before construction; this could take long enough that work

would not begin until FY 2016. We will review our current budget and consider a supplement for this year if the project begins earlier.

- John Myers will prepare an ordinance for approval at the November regular meeting.

- Bob Dalton reported regarding their connection to our main at Wesley Chapel on the north side of Mansion Road. He will coordinate this project with Shane Hill and contact Terry Burke and/or Greene & Bradford for information regarding existing pipeline details.

- Discussion with Dalton and Mitchell regarding possible cooperation between our organizations that would allow Dan Held to help them until they hire a manager and their personnel to help us cover vacations and other special needs. There were concerns regarding how much time Dan can currently commit.

- Commissioners agreed we want to maintain a good, friendly working relationship, assisting each other whenever we can and that both boards should continue to share ideas and discussion of ways we might cooperate.

Employee Benefits and Personnel Manual:

- Ordinance 13-08, passed when Held was hired, stated the General Manager position vacation and benefits package would be equivalent to that of the non-bargaining unit employees of the Village of Chatham. Del McCord will forward a copy of that policy to Held and VanProyen.

Permanent Part-Time Plant Assistant Position:

- Discussion was tabled pending completion of water licensing tests by intern Larry Beckom and response to Curran Gardner advertising for an operational manager.

Manager's Report:

- McCord asked for a calculation of how much water dilution it would take to put all of our brine into the lagoon; Held and Middendorf will put this together.

- Henson Robinson fixed the tile hole while they were here with equipment working on the septic system.

- Shane Hill will arrange for repairs on two damaged hydrants.

- Runge has not yet paid for the damage to the second hydrant.

- Held will arrange for a security review of the computer system before a decision is made regarding the \$20,000 bid to upgrade operating systems in the HMI and related backup laptop.

- Held recommended replacing the fluoride pump with a peristaltic one similar to the one on the finished water at a cost of approximately \$2,400. Commissioners agreed.

- Now that no ammonia is being fed, the air handling is not such an issue and has been put on hold along with the air conditioning system.

- The prospectus from Mike Southworth regarding funding the green sand filter project indicated adequate bond obligation to service the debt based on water sales being at least as high as last year. MECO will begin permit applications.

Old Business:

EJ Water Agreement:

- McCord presented a proposed agreement for water from EJ Water, who have taken over what was the SangChris Water Alliance. At this time they are looking for a contract for federal consideration of their project by 60 days from now.
- Areas of concern included rate of flow control, pressure monitoring and separation of water from any other system connected to their system from our mains.
- Rate would be the same as the wholesale rate charged to Chatham and New Berlin; term would be perhaps 30 to 40 years.
- Myers will work with Middendorf and representatives of EJ Water to draft an agreement for circulation to the commissioners.

Septic System:

- Held reported pumps have burned out in the system installed originally by Precision Concrete. He proposed an alternative solution and is waiting for approval from Sangamon County.

New Business:

Retail Collections:

- VanProyen reported regarding a customer request for a discount bill due to a water source accidentally left open on their property.
- Commissioners agreed our policy is to offer a payment arrangement if desired, but not to discount for water usage.

Adjournment:

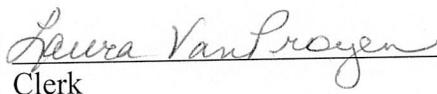
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be November 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Sander, second by McCord to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk