# **South Sangamon Water Commission**

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

November 15, 2011 – 8:30 a.m.

Greene & Bradford conference room, 3501 Constitution Dr, Springfield IL

#### **Commissioners:**

Present: Del McCord, William Pfeffer

Absent: Craig Hall Quorum: yes

#### **Others Present:**

Terry Burke (SSWC), Stan Bersin (Greene & Bradford), Shane Hill (Chatham), JJ Moffat (Total Energy Concepts), John Myers (Rabin & Myers), Joe Pisula (Donohue), Ron Vancil (SSWC), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Mike Williamsen (Chatham)

#### **Proceedings:**

- Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman, Del McCord and roll taken.

MOTION by McCord, second by Pfeffer to approve minutes of October 18, 2011 regular meeting.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

# Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Pfeffer presented the 10/31/11 balance sheet which reflects the following available construction fund balances:

\$ 248,424.94
41,265.00
\$ 289,953.67
3,790,000.00
\$4,079,953.67

- Warren-Boynton State Bank general operating funds at 10/31/11 of \$50,858.01

# **Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:**

- Pfeffer presented the open payables list for construction-related items totaling \$992,305.41 and \$9,805.61 for non-construction items.

MOTION by McCord, second by Pfeffer to approve payment of all open payables as presented.

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

### **Brine Hauling:**

- Discussion showed we do not have the equipment or personnel to handle hauling the estimated 4 loads of brine each weekday that will be needed.
- Pisula will have Donohue put together specifications for Myers to review for bids.
- Commissioners McCord and Hall will assemble a list of farmers and local businesses who may wish to bid.

MOTION by McCord, second by Pfeffer to prepare specifications and bid brine hauling in order to have bids for review at the December 20 regular meeting.

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

# **Total Energy Concepts Proposal Status:**

- Joe Pisula presented Donohue's recommendation not to install eight V-Blox voltage conditioning units at the treatment plant because they duplicate other equipment already in the plans. They made no recommendation regarding the additional unit proposed for the pump station which was not in the initial information for their review.
- JJ Moffat of Total Energy Concepts asked for the opportunity to bring a written response to the December 20 regular meeting for further consideration.

### JULIE Membership:

- Commissioner McCord stated we need to join JULIE. We will need a stated location for all information to be received and a person to handle it or we can hire a company to handle it for us.
- Terry Burke will look into the cost to hire a company or to have Chatham and/or New Berlin handle this.

### Mansion Road/Loami Road Easements:

- Burke stated it is time to finalize the necessary easements in this area. Myers will confirm their status.

# **Buckhart Road Crop Damage:**

- Discussion about potential crop damage claims. Commissioners agreed that if someone has a claim, they should submit it for review.
- Discussion regarding flushing hydrants promised to landowners in easements should be locked to avoid unauthorized water usage.

#### **New Business:**

#### **CRP Operator Agreement:**

- John Myers distributed a CRP Operating Agreement with Mendenhalls.
- CRP requires we have an operator in place when title transfers from Joe Greene to the Commission.
- Discussion regarding management fee. Commissioner Pfeffer suggested we start with an offer of approximately \$10 per acre. This would not include costs and labor to do any work required to maintain the property.
- Discussion about options to clear trees from our property and continue to keep it clear even after CRP payments end or to plant it in approved trees to establish a forest at an estimated cost of \$500 per acre.
- Commissioners agreed to segregate and hold the current CRP payment in a bank account to cover costs to maintain the property until further consideration of how best to manage the property in the future. Myers will draft an ordinance for approval at a future meeting.

**CWLP Update:** 

- Myers stated Springfield continues to insist they will not settle on the issues of water for New Berlin or the status of the pump station until they settle on the matter of their contract with Chatham.
- Shane Hill explained a solar panel option that would provide electrical power to the meter that would allow us to supply water to New Berlin from Otter Lake until we are ready to supply them directly.
- Myers will contact Otter Lake regarding their ability to supply New Berlin temporarily.

#### **Old Business:**

- Ron Vancil reported on plant construction and well field progress.
- Telephone and DSL lines have been ordered for the plant. The telephone number will be: 498-2088. This will be an unpublished number.
- Based on current Cahoy's progress, the plant startup date is approximately January 29, 2012. Prior to that we will be able to flush and test our lines. This will depend on proper approvals by EPA.
- Terry Burke reported on pipeline status.
- The burst pipe at Horse Creek has failed three times and will be replaced with HDPE pipe supplied by Underground Solutions. This more flexible product is scheduled to be pulled next Wednesday and connected by November 28.
- Shane Hill reported electric equipment is in and ready to run to wells 9 and 14 as soon as they are ready.
- Del McCord stated we need radio communication from the New Berlin tower to the pump station. This will also be needed between the plant and the ground storage tank. Tom Otto and his crew are working on this.

#### Adjournment:

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by McCord to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Saura Vanercyco

Respectfully submitted,

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