

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

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of South Sangamon Water Commission was held on December 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

Commissioner Craig Hall – Sangamon County

Gary Kuntzman - Greene & Bradford, Inc.

Jay Jessen – Greene & Bradford, Inc.

Stanley Bersin - Greene & Bradford, Inc.

Mike Williamsen – Chatham

Herb Butler - EMC

John Meyers - Attorney

Joe Pisula – Donohue & Associates

Luke Roy – Curran Gardner

Max Middendorf – MECO Engineering

Todd Folder – Curran Gardner Trustee

Shane Hill – VOC Public Utilities

Don Craven – Curran Gardner Attorney

Bob Dalton – Curran Gardner Public Water District

Tony DelGiorno – Attorney for Round Prairie

McCord called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. The Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2009 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pfeffer and a second was made by McCord. Ayes: Pfeffer, Hall & McCord Nays: None Bill Pfeffer gave the treasurers report. The report reflected that there was a current balance of \$1,938.75. McCord indicated that they are at the end of current line of credit and they will wait until January to pay any invoices since they still need to get the FEIN number. The Commission will be waiting to get a final number from Donahue & Associates and Greene and Bradford to determine if an additional line of credit is necessary. It was noted that the change of name had been completed.

McCord requested that everyone in Attendance introduce themselves. Curran Gardner was interested in being included into the water plan.

Jessen gave a brief overall report so that everyone would know where the Commission stands presently. Jessen stated that the design permits are completed and the plans have been submitted. The only item that has not been completed is the pumping tests by Reynolds Drilling for the raw water wells determination. Jessen stated that we have had 14 inches of rain since October 1, 2009 and it is causing large amounts of flooding. The Commission needs to do the pumping flow tests to determine the water rates we can achieve and that will tell us the number of wells and what type they will be (High Production/Diagonal/Vertical). Jessen further stated that the Commission had hoped to have this phase completed by now. Kuntzman stated that the Transmission Main job was now in the process of going out for bid. McCord felt that by March we should know the amount and water rate so that we can then determine the price rate per gallon.

Meyers gave a brief report regarding the easements. Jessen indicated that we had secured all easements except for the County Right of Way. Meyers stated that he was in the process of drafting a letter to the county as well as the Hudgins Condemnation.

There was a brief discussion regarding the route of the main transmission line. It was noted that the route follows Mansion Road west of Chapel to the booster station after the curve, 10 miles down Mansion Road to Loami-Bates Road and then towards New Berlin. It will be on the South side to Leadline Road then to it will switch to the North side to Loami-Bates Road due to the fiber optics that are already in place.

Kuntzman stated that they would be stubbing off all the feeds north of Wesley Chapel and Curran Road in anticipation of Curran Gardner joining the water line.

Kuntzman stated that plans had been sent to the Curran Gardner Road Commissioner and that he would be sending plans to the other Road Commissioners as well. Jessen stated that it would be a good idea for Meyers to send a letter similar to the one that was going to be sent to the County.

A motion to have John Meyers send a letter to all of the Road Commissioners was made by Pfeffer and a second was made by Hall. Ayes: Pfeffer, Hall & McCord Nays: None Meyers stated that if there was no response after 60 days we would start digging.

McCord posed a question regarding how the Commission and Districts would work together. Meyers stated that there would be an intergovernmental agreement between the Commission and the Villages and it would be treated like a whole sale operation, that being the Commission would sell to the municipalities and the Villages would sell & maintain their own customer base.

There was a discussion regarding the need for additional valves for later connection.

McCord stated that the plant was designed with expansion in mind, and that the more Villages that wanted to connect the better.

McCord stated that he had tried to meet with Otter Lake, but has not been successful; he will continue to try to set up a meeting.

Curran Gardner had some questions regarding the interconnection considering they had a different treatment system. Pisula stated that this could potentially cause a problem since different corrosion techniques were being used. Curran Gardner stated that it would be a board decision later down the road whether another tower would be added to service the southern district. There was a brief discussion regarding surveying the outer lying areas to be determine the density of the population to see if it would be cost effective to include the rural areas.

Curran Gardner stated that they would be interested in seeing if their wells were affected during the pumping tests. It was decided that Curran Gardner would be informed prior to the test of the date & time.

There was a brief discussion regarding the content of the intergovernmental agreements.

Meyers stated that they needed to fashion the agreements based on who was selling the water and who would be sending the bill to the customers. Meyers stated that this would have to be done on a case by case basis depending on what is more convenient for the Commission and where is line and tap would also be a factor.

There was a discussion regarding when the actual "on line" date would be. It was agreed that it would be approximately 18 months from the start of construction, Fall of 2011. Hall asked if there was any need to connect a line at the train track on Mansion Road and go

north, it was decided that there would likely be a license charge so it was probably not a good idea to try to pursue it.

The Commission took a short recess.

When the Commission Meeting resumed, Mr. Hall was not present.

Meyers stated that the Spurgeon contracts had been signed and the deal was completely wrapped up. Meyers further stated that he was hopeful that once the press was notified that the Commission was proceeding with the water main that Hudgins may choose to work out a deal at that point in time. Meyers stated that he would send Hudgins a copy of the executed contract with Spurgeons and see if that helps the negotiations move forward. Meyers stated that the Commission should continue as though there would be no negotiations and if in fact Hudgins decided to make a deal they could always stop the condemnation proceedings.

Pisula went over the designs briefly and it was decided that he would meet with Greene & Bradford, Inc. after the meeting to discuss design issues.

There was a brief discussion regarding Round Prairie Co-Op Water District. It was decided that no action would be taken unless they sent a request and plans of their current water lines.

Kuntzman stated he would look at the boundary just to get an idea of how difficult it would be in case they sent a request.

McCord stated that he wants the Commission to purchase the pipe as he feels they will get the best price if it is done this way, Jessen stated that there was a \$200,000.00 potential savings by doing it this way. There was a discussion regarding the problems with doing it this way, primarily who would be responsible for inventory, storage and making sure everything fits together. Butler suggested an Addendum be created to cover

this issue. Meyers briefly brought up liability and warranty issues. Kuntzman stated that he would have to do an addendum completely stating what type of pipe was to be used and also that the bid date would have to change.

A motion to have a material letting on demand for the pipe was made by Pfeffer and a second was made by McCord. Ayes: Pfeffer & McCord Nays: None

It was decided that the material bid date would be January 18th and the installation bid date would be February 11th.

Pisula stated that he had started the soil borings and was hoping to have them completed by the end of this week. Pisula stated that he had sent Tom Otto from SEC Automation a set of specs and was waiting on his comments. Pisula stated that he would only be asking the three lowest bidders for an additional quote on safety items.

Meyers stated that he had done some research and that all of the workers must be from in the state of Illinois but the managers could be from anywhere.

McCord stated that the Chatham Electric Department will be doing all of the electrical from the service pole to the pump station on Mansion Road and from the plant to the well sites. McCord felt that the Commission would save approximately half of the original projected cost by doing it this way.

The Kansas City Railroad permit came up for discussion, and Kuntzman stated that the cost was \$750.00 per year for a temporary permit. If we were interested in a permanent easement the cost would be \$2,500.00 initially and then an additional payment of \$9,000.00. Meyers stated that he would negotiate with the railroad based on it being a "hardship on a public project". Kuntzman stated that often the railroad may reduce the cost under these circumstances. Kuntzman stated that the last permit needed was Laomi/Bates Road for the Kansas City Railroad.

Kuntzman stated that he had resubmitted the pump station plans to the IDNR.

Jessen stated that he had met with Ameren and would be receiving a written estimate from them for the installation of the electrical supply to the pump station.

Pfeffer stated that we should look into a portable generator in preparation for any type of ice storm that may knock out the power. Donahue will get an alternate bid.

Pfeffer discussed briefly the possibility of bringing on board an accountant that would act as CFO for the Commission. It was decided that they would discuss it in more detail at the next meeting.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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 11:00 A.M.



Craig Hall, Secretary