

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

Commissioners:

Present: Jim Roth, Dave Johnson

Absent: Morris

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Kevin Canham, Stephen Bivin, Katie Krall & Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Jamie Headen (Benton & Associates), Mike Krall & Sue Spalding (Village of New Berlin)

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by chairman, Jim Roth, and roll was taken.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin distributed the December, 2020, written report.

- The Kubota tractor/mower, previous approved for purchase does not meet our needs. When ordered with cab, you cannot attach a backhoe. Having no cab would limit season use; a backhoe attachment would allow it be used for removal of lagoon vegetation among other things.

- Commissioners told Bivin to continue to look into other options for discussion at the January meeting.

Engineering Report:

- Jamie Headen reported January 6 is the date estimated by Advanced Automation & Control for completion of the New Berlin operator interface

- Bivin submitted the Operating Permit application; IEPA acknowledged receipt and said it was being sent on for review

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020, special meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer had emailed unaudited draft financial reports to all commissioners. There were no questions or discussion.
- VanProyen reported the ACH option for retail customer payments had been set up and ready to go. About 20% of customers chose to use the option to date.
- Semi-annual bond payment due January 1, 2021, had been wired that morning.
- Chairman Roth would meet with Bivin and VanProyen before the February meeting to begin drafting a budget for fiscal year 2022.

Approval for Payment of Invoices:

- Commissioners received a list of payable items totaling \$73,286.89. The list included an invoice from the Village of Chatham for \$2,657.25 which was waiting for additional information from the Village.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve payment of all invoices except the questioned item due the Village of Chatham; total payments approved at this time of \$70,629.64.

Roll call vote: Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution Abating Real Estate Tax for the Year 2020:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve Resolution 2020-03, a Resolution Abating the Direct Annual Real Estate Tax in the Amount of \$2,050,000.00 for the Year 2020 Levied Pursuant to Ordinance 2020-05.

Roll call vote: Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

New Business:

- Chairman Roth stated we would need intergovernmental agreements early in 2021 with Chatham and probably City Water Light and Power regarding the backfeed facility project which would ensure pressure in case of a power outage that shuts down the plant in the future.
- Headen will get information to Dustin at the Village of Chatham which will then go to their engineer. Roth had an initial meeting with Chatham and would know more after the first of the year. He hoped to have draft for this commission's review by the January or February meeting.
- Roth explained a technical agreement would be drafted first by the parties involved. It would then go to our legal consultant and then to Chatham. An agreement with City Water Light and Power would include financial details regarding water costs and would probably need to be sent on to their legal department as well.
- Commissioners present reviewed the list of third Monday dates for 2021 and agreed to continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. on these dates. VanProyen would follow up with Commissioner Morris to confirm her availability and then get the list to Randy Segatto to prepare an ordinance for approval at the January meeting.
- Bivin and VanProyen asked about the possibility of looking into website options that would allow us to make changes ourselves, at least in cases of urgent announcements or information. Currently all changes must be made by MCS during regular business hours. Bivin would contact MCS to ask about options for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be held Monday, January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura VanProyen, Clerk