

**South Sangamon Water Commission**  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
February 19, 2013; 8:30 a.m.  
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois

**Commissioners:**

Present: Del McCord, William Pfeffer, Craig Hall

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

**Others Present:**

Tim Hasara (CGWD), Dan Held (SSWC), Shane Hill (Chatham), Brian Martin (Greene & Bradford), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), John Myers (Rabin & Myers), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Mike Williamsen (Chatham)

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman, Del McCord and roll taken.

MOTION by McCord, second by Pfeffer to approve January 15, 2013 meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer Bill Pfeffer presented the financial reports for January 31, 2013 which showed an operating account balance of \$408,092.12 and fiscal year-to-date net income of \$565,101.63.

- BAB subsidy reimbursement was received on or about January 25.

- Commissioners McCord and Pfeffer participated in a conference call with Moodys regarding our bond rating. They had some concern about the late plant startup; generally they were pleased with our effective plant management and proactive budget process. They may need additional information from the villages to complete the rating process.

- We expect a satisfactory rating; next year

**Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:**

- Treasurer Pfeffer distributed a list of open payables totaling \$50,605.16 and items paid since the last meeting for utility and chemical bills with early due dates totaling \$30,249.89.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve payment of all items shown on open payables as presented.

Roll call vote: McCord – yes Pfeffer – yes Hall - yes

Motion carried.

**FY 2014 Operating Budget:**

- Pfeffer reported a second meeting was scheduled for February 20 at 1:00 at the New Berlin office to continue working toward an operating budget for presentation at the April meeting.

**Collections:**

- Clerk will follow up on February 5 letters sent to customers with past due balances.
- Pfeffer will not participate in collection activity on any customer of Warren-Boynton State Bank due to conflicts of interest.

**CCR:**

- Chairman McCord appointed Max Middendorf of MECO Engineering to work with the plant operators to prepare our CCR report.
- Plant reporting is needed before Chatham and New Berlin can complete their reports; reports are due in June.

**Cross Connection Surveys:**

- Tim Hasara presented a revised cross connection survey and recommended we distribute it to all retail customers to have on file per EPA mandate. We will send them out to all current customers and include it as part of the tap application for any future customers.

**Hydropneumatic Tank:**

- Dan Held reminded the Commission that, as we work with the SangChris Alliance, we may be able to use their elevated tank(s) to satisfy EPA requirements on our system.
- There is a used 100,000-gallon tank currently available which could be installed for about 1/3 of the cost of a new one.
- Middendorf will get quotes for actual costs on installation of a used elevated tank vs. a hydropneumatic tank for better discussion at the next meeting.

- Brian Martin from Greene & Bradford discussed the progress of the Alliance. They estimate 500 customers using 150,000 to 200,000 gallons per day in their first phase with another 700 customers possible later; a connection with Mt. Auburn could add another 2,000 customers.

- Discussion regarding what we will charge for the Alliance to tap into our main; commissioners agreed to charge time and material to cover all costs related to the tap only with no profit added on for the Commission.

**Plant Security System:**

- Dan Held reported of four bids received, the low bid was \$7,000 from Wareham Security in Taylorville; includes two cameras, 3 key pads, motion detectors throughout the plant and a DVR recorder. Monthly monitoring cost will be \$36.
- Discussion regarding the need for additional cameras in the future and their quality to ensure a clear image on the DVR.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to accept the low bid from Wareham Security with adjustments to allow for future expansion up to eight cameras not to exceed a total of \$8,500.

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

**Township Road Closure:**

- John Myers reported we cannot gate off the roads in the well field without cutting three landowners off from the public road.
- Discussion about other plans for well site security.
- Fencing would require ongoing maintenance and repair.
- Cameras could be installed on the new chemical feed building in the future and that building should be fenced.
- Signs will be posted.

**Skid Steer Purchase:**

- Discussion regarding payment options for the \$56,248 purchase price.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to purchase the demo skid steer through CAT Financial Services over 60 months.

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

**Building for KMNO4 Feed:**

- Max Middendorf presented draft plans for a 6' x 8' building on a permanent foundation which will allow 3/4 mile for mixing with raw water along with modifications to the detention tank and relocating the meter north of the clear well; this will reduce filter use at an estimated cost of \$18,000 (\$10,000 building, \$3,000 vault, \$5,000 piping).
- The radio site will need to be able to communicate with the plant.
- Permit applications have been submitted.
  
- Liquid Engineering can send divers to add baffles in the mixing tank while it is operating; \$2,100 for 4-hour minimum.
  
- Max, Tim and Dan will continue to move forward on these projects to present specifics for approval at the next meeting. Commissioners agreed this needs to be complete by June.

**Old Business:**

**Transducers:**

- New parts are being installed this week.

**Brine Levels:**

- Chairman McCord has a meeting February 21 with the sanitary district at 8:30 to discuss brine level issues. Held has communicated with them regarding sampling procedures.

**New Business:**

- Discussion regarding locking the rights to the aquifer in light of people digging for irrigation and livestock wells.
- Commission can approve a 2,500' set back from each of our wells.
- John Myers will distribute a set back ordinance for the commissioners' review.

**Adjournment:**

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be March 19, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhard Road, Rochester.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clerk