

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 18, 2014; 8:30 a.m.
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois

Commissioners:

Present: Del McCord, Craig Hall, Joel Sander

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Dan Held (SSWC), Brian Martin (Greene & Bradford), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Mike Williamsen (Chatham)

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:30 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 February 18, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Laura VanProyen presented the financial reports for February 28, 2014 which showed an operating account balance of \$361,147.38.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- VanProyen distributed a list of open payables totaling \$38,676.01.

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

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

Resolution Regarding Position of Treasurer:

- Attorney Myers presented a resolution formalizing the decision made at the February 18 meeting appointing Laura VanProyen as treasurer in addition to her duties as clerk.

MOTION by Sander, second by Hall to approve Resolution 14-02, A Resolution Appointing Laura VanProyen as Treasurer

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

Resolution Appointing IMRF Registered Agent:

- Laura VanProyen explained IMRF application procedures require a resolution appointing a registered agent.

MOTION by McCord, second by Sander to approve Resolution 14-03, A Resolution Appointing Laura VanProyen as Registered Agent for IMRF

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

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget:

- VanProyen reported she recently met with Dan Held and Mike Williamsen to discuss the budget. Those meetings will continue over the next month or two and a budget should be presented at the May meeting.
- Projected revenues for fiscal year 2015 are \$2.8 million.

Manager's Report by Dan Held:

- Held discussed various repair and improvement issues in the plant and well field. His written report is attached to these minutes.

Green Sand Filters:

- Looking ahead for the budgeting process, Held researched our ability to change to green sand filters.
- These filters would likely save \$50,000 in chemical costs per year, reduce repairs and maintenance costs and run more reliably and efficiently. The membranes for the existing filters may need to be replaced sooner than expected due to higher than anticipated wear. The total annual savings were estimated at \$93,000.
- Held spoke with Bud Mason regarding the possibility of a loan through IEPA to fund the \$1.065 million cost of the filters over 20 years – an annual repayment of approximately \$65,000.
- Max Middendorf stated it would take four to six months to plan for and complete the project. Some amount of disruption time will be necessary at the plant; rough estimate at this time was from hours to two days.
- Commissioners approved Held continuing to meet with Bud Mason regarding this possible financing. Current projects and how to deal with possible plant down time will take priority.

Raw Water/KMNO4/Master Meter Projects:

- These projects are complete. Once all bills are paid total cost should be about \$126,600; initial cost estimate was \$120,000.

SangChris Water Alliance:

- Brian Martin reported the Co-op continues to look for customers for phase I of their project. Phase II would include a water tower for perhaps 500,000 gallons. We could add another 500,000 gallons to it when that time comes.
- They feel they are about two years into a six-year project.

Elevated Storage:

- Our need for elevated storage was mentioned in an August, 2012 EPA report. Held felt we could be hearing from them again. Without the Water Alliance being ready to build and possibly include a water tower that would help us well, we need to look at other solutions – including an intergovernmental agreement with Chatham to use their tank for pressure and ground storage at the plant.
- Commissioners agreed we should include \$15,000 in the fiscal year 2015 budget for engineering to work on this matter.

Old Business:

CRP:

- Step I for changing our program to trees from grasses requires Matt Peterson, the State Forester, to look at the property and make his recommendation.
- Held and Williamsen, with Allen Mendenhall, will contact the forester to move that forward.

Small Claims Regarding Broken Hydrant:

- Attorney Myers drafted a complaint against Mr. Runge. He will meet with Dan Held to get all the details and then file the complaint.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be April 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhard Road, Rochester.

MOTION by Sander, second by McCord to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk