

South Sangamon Water Commission  
Minutes of Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
March 22, 2017; 3:00 p.m.  
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois

**Commissioners:**

Present: Lee Bloome, Craig Hall, Joel Sander

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

**Others Present:**

Keith Sonners & Marc Thomas (Woodard & Curran), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Randy Segatto, (Barber, Segatto, et al), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Bill Brown (Crawford, Murphy & Tilly), Patrick McCarthy (Village of Chatham)  
Darlene Judd, Andrea Parker

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Joel Sander and roll taken.

**Management Report:**

- Marc Thomas presented the report for February, 2017; Dan Held was on vacation.  
- With completion of the hydropneumatic tank project, we are cleared with IEPA including providing water for EJ Water Cooperative Phase I.

**Engineering Report:**

- Max Middendorf reported on the status of the Chatham Altitude Valve Modifications.  
- The existing valve is in very bad shape and probably not worth repairing. MECO Engineering will get information and pricing for repair and replacement options to Village of Chatham and Woodard & Curran later in March.

**Approveal of Payment Application #5 to Prairie State Plumbing & Heating:**

- This the final payment of retainage to Prairie State for the hydropneumatic tank project.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Hall to approve payment of Application #5, the final pay request, to Prairie State Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$10,496.75.

Roll call vote: Hall – yes Bloome – yes Sander – yes

Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioners heard questions and comments regarding:

- Details regarding the Altitude Valve. Patrick McCarthy stated the Village of Chatham will likely purchase the replacement valve while the Commission will take care of telemetry, thereby sharing the costs of these modifications. Chatham will maintain ownership of the valve so they may use it as needed with other water providers during emergency situations and in the future.

- Metering of EJ Water Cooperative water usage. There are currently six master meters tapped into our transmission mains.
- Leaking pipes. Bill Brown looked at the sample pipe brought to the meeting and indicated it was exterior corrosion and not due to water quality.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION by Hall, second by Sander to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

MOTION by Sander, second by Bloome to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 special meeting with the addition of John Reynolds of the State Journal-Register to those in attendance.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Laura VanProyen presented a Historical Water Usage Report updated through February, 2017.
- Work has begun on the FY2018 budget. There was no February 28, 2017 financial report available.
- VanProyen and Segatto continue to work to get insurance quotes from both current and other agencies.

**Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:**

- VanProyen distributed the list of open payables totaling \$103,190.56 of which \$10,496.75 was approved separately as part of the Engineering Report.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Hall to approve the remaining open payable items totaling \$92,693.81.

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

**Approval of Wholesale Rate Increase Ordinance:**

- The boards of Chatham and New Berlin were made aware of the increase. Patrick McCarthy stated the increase appeared to be prudent and reasonable.
- Segatto suggested copies of the approved ordinance be sent to both villages, EJ Water Cooperative and Curran Gardner Water District.
- Commissioner Hall restated his belief we need to continue to look at an elevated tank in the near future.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Sander to approve Ordinance 17-01, An Ordinance Establishing Wholesale Water Rates based upon the rates approved at the March 8, 2017 special meeting.

Voice vote: Hall – yes Bloome – yes Sander – yes Motion carried.

**Retail Rate Increase:**

- Discussion was tabled until the April 18 regular meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Retail Tap Rates:**

- In Dan Held's absence, discussion of future tap rates was tabled until the April 18, 2017 regular meeting.

**Bulk Water Equipment:**

- Commissioners agreed to contact Rochester regarding the possibility of having them use our existing equipment placed along and tapped into our transmission main for their proposed bulk water station.

**Chlorine vs Chloramines Discussion:**

- Patrick McCarthy suggested the Village of Chatham could work with Springfield to have them supply both Chatham and New Berlin in emergency situations.
- Commissioner Sander stated we would need to have a Letter of Interest from Springfield stating they would supply New Berlin as well as Chatham if needed.
- Sander will inquire regarding New Berlin's current agreement with Curran-Gardner Water District.
- Bill Brown asked Woodard & Curran to evaluate existing pumps, equipment and chemical cost increases related to a possible change to chloramines.

**New Business:**

- There was no new business.

**Adjournment:**

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be April 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Bloome, second by Hall to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clerk