

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
May 18, 2020
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL and Via Zoom Meeting

Commissioners:

Present at the Water Plant: Lee Bloome, Dave Johnson

Present via Zoom Meeting: Cindy Morris

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

At the Water Plant: Mike Southworth (Hart, Southworth & Witsman)

Via Zoom Meeting: Stephen Bivin & Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, et al), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), John Vezzetti, Bernardi Securities

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by chairman Lee Bloome and roll was taken.

Ordinance 20-04 Adopting FY2021 Budget and Appropriation:

MOTION by Morris, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2020-04, an Ordinance Budgeting and Appropriating Funds for All Corporate Purposes for the South Sangamon Water Commission, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on 1st Day of May, 2020 Ending on the 30th Day of April, 2021

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Bloome – yes Motion carried.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin presented the Operating Report for April.

- Commissioner Johnson asked about any recent storm damage. Bivin said there was not much trouble at the plant; things have been working well. A bad node caused incorrect readings of the detention tank levels., but was not caused by lightning. The problem was manually handled and a new card will be replaced to solve the problem more completely.

- There was no update on the delivery date of the new transfer switch which was being built.

- The operating permit had been verbally approved for the pigging station; we are waiting for the actual permit to arrive to schedule the initial pigging.

- Bivin reported two leaks had recently been identified in the system.

The tap at 2113 New City Road, which had previously been repaired, was leaking again and would need to be replaced or repaired.

Standing water around the EJ Water tap at Cardinal Hill needed further attention; it may have been due to recent flushing on those lines. Bivin would follow up when it dries out.

- Commissioner Morris asked about the estimated price for these repairs. Bivin would solicit quotes from multiple vendors and distribute them to the commissioners before doing the repairs, Middendorf would provide contact information for a possible vendors.

Engineering Report by Max Middendorf:

- The New Berlin Master Meter project continued to wait for completion of necessary easements. Middendorf was coordinating with Attorney Segatto and Engineer Headen; it was probably with the attorney for the village for review. Commissioner Morris would follow up with the village attorney.

-Middendorf was working with Bivin to schedule timing for cleaning of the three wells. The sites were too wet to begin immediately.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Ordinance 20-05 Authorizing General Obligation Refunding Bonds:

- Chairman Bloome reported he had been in contact with bond counsel and the bonding company; they had recently seen successful bond sales, including a \$60M sale for the Springfield School District. Rates would continue to change, but at this time we would see around \$2M savings over the life of the bonds and flatten the annual amount due to around \$2M for the entire period of repayment

- Commissioners agreed that, if attorney and bonding company believed it was time to move forward, we should do so.

MOTION by Morris, second by Johnson to adopt Ordinance 20-05, an Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 of the South Sangamon Water Commission, Sangamon County, Illinois in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$31,000,000 for purpose of refunding certain existing bonds of the Commission and Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Bloome – yes Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Bloome, second by Bloome to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Bloome – yes Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Commissioners received draft financial reports through April 30, 2020 for their review and reference; there were no questions.

- Commissioner Johnson asked for an update regarding the theft from the operating account. Attorney Segatto reported approximately \$42,000 had been recovered to date. Additional documents were being assembled for Capital One to collect the remainder. . A report was filed with the Sangamon County Sheriff's office and Segatto was contacted by US Attorney Milhiser; investigation would continue to locate who took the money.

- The FY2020 audit had been scheduled by Adam Withee of Zumbahlen, et al for June 15, 2020. This year's audit would be done remotely with limited site work due to shelter-in-place practices.

- The treasurer would make the annual payment on the loan at Hickory Point Bank & Trust the last week of May.

Approval for Payment of Invoices:

- Commissioners received a list of open invoices totaling \$40,827.60 for approval and payment. Republic had already been paid \$117.50 for trash hauling prior to the payment due date to avoid late fees.

MOTION to approve payment of all open invoices totaling \$40,827.60 as presented.

Roll call vote: Morris - yes Johnson – yes Bloome - yes Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Morris asked what was learned about possible lab certification following the local closure of PDC Laboratories. Bivin reported he had received a list of requirements from the Department of Public Health and had assembled a list of equipment that would be needed. He would have a price list and more details prepared for discussion at a future meeting.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be held Monday, June 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura VanProyen, Clerk