

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
May 21, 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:

Dan Held (SSWC), Brian Martin (Greene & Bradford), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), John Myers (Rabin & Myers), Laura VanProyen (SSWC)

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman, Del McCord and roll taken.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve April 30, 2013 special meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Bill Pfeffer presented the financial reports for April 30, 2013 as reconciled but still subject to audit. They showed an operating account balance of \$318,795.63.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- Treasurer Pfeffer distributed a list of open payables totaling \$38,786.14 and items paid since the last meeting for utility and chemical bills with early due dates totaling \$12,405.55 for approval.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve the open payables list for payment.

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

Budget and Rate Review:

- Pfeffer stated his concerns regarding the current lower water usage and some upcoming repairs at the plant and the possible effect on our operating budget. He suggested we should carefully monitor the budget and be prepared to consider a rate increase later this year or next.

Ordinance Approving an Agreement with KAT Express:

- John Myers distributed the final contract for brine hauling by Mitchell Nein d/b/a KAT Express as previously discussed.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to approve Ordinance 13-01, An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Mitchell Nein d/b/a KAT Express.

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

Ordinance Approving Purchase of Water Meters:

- These meters will replace those under water in the well fields.
- Discussion regarding who might be held accountable for the incorrect installation of the original meters. We will keep the old ones until all is settled and for use as emergency parts.
- Dan Held expects they should arrive and be installed in mid-June. Installation will cost \$1,200.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve Ordinance 13-02, An Ordinance Ratifying a Purchase Order for Water Meters.

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

Old Business:

Letter to Curran-Gardner Water District:

- Myers sent the letter to Commissioners for review and it is to be mailed today.

Plant Security Status:

- Dan Held stated the system is installed and working as planned.

Brine Tank Monitoring Equipment Installation Status:

- Max Middendorf reported all equipment is installed and working for exterior monitoring of the brine.

CRP Concerns Regarding New Outbuilding:

- John Myers stated CRP has approved the building of our potassium permanganate shed as planned on our CRP land because it is a small project.
- Myers will work with Barbara Mendenhall to write the necessary agreement.
- Middendorf said we have the necessary permits and foundation work can begin.

Chatham/CWLP:

- Del McCord reported there may be information in the local press regarding disagreements being negotiated between the Village of Chatham and the City of Springfield; contact Del if any questions arise.

Detention Tank Modifications:

- Max Middendorf stated we are waiting on Liquid Engineering's schedule to begin work; we have the permits needed.

Microfiltration Units:

- Dan Held reported the problem was caused by loose connections in the box on the CIP skid and has been resolved.

New Berlin/Curran-Gardner Connection:

- Bill Pfeffer reviewed the discussions from April between New Berlin and Curran-Gardner regarding running a connection for emergency coverage to New Berlin. This will require approximately 1,800 feet of pipe and a portable pump. Planning details and financing need to be worked out so the project can move forward.
- Commissioners agreed we could participate financially at a level of perhaps 25%.

New Business:

Sang-Chris Water Alliance:

- Craig Hall reported he attended the recent meeting of the water co-op at Sugar Creek Methodist Church.
- Brian Martin explained their plan includes four service areas separated because of the Hunter Lake property. The largest area (approximately 80%) would be served by us.
- Commissioners McCord and Hall will attend the meeting at 1:30 on May 22 at the EPA along with Middendorf to discuss requirements for hydro-pneumatic tanks.

Cellular Service Problems at the Plant:

- Dan Held reported cell service in the plant has been poor with many dropped calls. AT&T looked at the plant and estimates \$3,200 for a cellular boosting system, indoor and outdoor antennae to solve the problem.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to approve the installation of cellular boosting equipment and antennae at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.

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

Atlas Copco Service Plan:

- Held & Middendorf recommended a Parts Only Service Plan through Atlas Copco at a cost of \$604.06 per compressor (x2) annually for 5 years which would keep the warranty in place. These are more complex compressors and require regular maintenance.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve Dan Held to sign the Atlas Copco contract described on page 8 of 11 in the handout.

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

Plant Air Handling System:

- Held explained an estimate from Prairie State Plumbing & Heating to modify the existing air handling system in the front portion of the plant at a cost of about \$7,000. MECO engineers are skeptical and believe it is an inefficient way to fix the problem.
- The other option for a complete redesign is estimated to cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 plus \$4,500 for engineering and design for the front portion of the plant and \$20,000 - \$25,000 plus \$4,500 for engineering and design for the back portion of the plant.
- The back part of this plan should solve the problem of fumes inside the building.
- Held reported on various repairs recently completed or being done around the plant.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer at 10:15 a.m. to suspend the regular meeting to reconvene following executive session.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer at 10:15 a.m. to move into executive session.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Meters:

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer that the Commission instruct MECO Engineering to determine whether the right meters were installed in the wells and who made the determination to use them; Middendorf to report their findings to the Commission by phone to John Myers.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Air Handling System:

- MECO Engineering to discuss with HVAC contractor indicating this is not about the temperature in the building but rather about the noise in the front section and the chemical fumes in the back. Also to check on OSHA requirements and determine that we are in compliance.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be June 18, 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 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk