

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
July 16, 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:

Bob Dalton (CGWD), Steve Frank (New Berlin), Dan Held (SSWC), Brian Martin (Greene & Bradford), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Mike Williamsen (Chatham)

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman, Del McCord and roll taken.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve June 18, 2013 meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Bill Pfeffer presented the financial reports for June 30, 2013 showing an operating account balance of \$273,499.45.
- July 1 bond payments had been made. The government sequester on the Series B Build America Bonds remains with no change expected at this time.
- Pfeffer presented a report tracking cash flow; unless we increase water sales and/or reduce expenses, we must consider a rate increase. John Myers will prepare a rate increase ordinance for discussion at the August meeting.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- Treasurer Pfeffer distributed a list of open payables totaling \$56,234.34 and items paid since the last meeting for utility and chemical bills with early due dates totaling \$8,784.45 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.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve payment of the following invoices received after those listed on the open payable list:

KAT Express for June/July bring hauling in the amount of \$15,840.00

Lee Electrical for cell booster installation in the amount of \$3,200.00

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

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance:

- Treasurer Pfeffer presented the FY2014 appropriation ordinance for discussion.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve Ordinance 13-04, an Annual Appropriation Ordinance, as presented.

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

Manager’s Report by Dan Held:

- IMCO is replacing meters in the well field; AAC will then wire them into the system.

- W-D Right of Way has mowed along roadways in the well field.

- We have joined Illinois Rural Water.

- Cell phone problems at the water plant have been resolved.

- We began feeding ORA-CLE July 2; Chatham began flushing July 15.

- Solutions for high chloride readings are being implemented:

Pushing more water into the lagoon and changing the sampling schedule to avoid regeneration cycles.

- Well #5 has been shut down due to high bacteria readings. This is not a high production well and is not critical at this time. Once that meter is replaced treatment will begin.

- AAC continues to work on problems with SCADA cards crashing.

- Valve on high chloride line was leaking. E L Pruitt came out to brace up the line which reduced the leak, but further attention may be needed in the future.

- Brine pump #2 had a hole in the bottom and has been replaced. Dan is working with Indelco and Tonka to make this good.

- High service pump leaks are not a big problem and can be taken down for repair during low usage season.

Old Business:

Locks on Hydrants:

- Del McCord will follow up on the status of getting the locks installed on the hydrants.

Well Field Clearing and Mowing:

- Held asked about purchasing a mower for roadsides and well field areas in cooperation with Curran-Gardner rather than hiring mowing every year.

- Commissioners agreed we should continue to hire mowing about twice each year (early July and end of year).

- A bid from W-D Right of Way was received to clear CRP land in the well field for \$19,000. Once cleared, annual mowing should maintain the area.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to accept a bid not to exceed \$19,000 to clear the well field.

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

Major Projects Updates:

Mixing Tank Modifications, KMNO₄ Building and Master Meter into Plant:

- Dan Held stated bid requests are out for construction materials and electrical work.
- Del McCord will check on availability of Chatham's crew for the electrical work.

Air Handling:

- Middendorf and Held will meet with the mechanical vendor for suggested solutions in the chemical rooms/back portion of the plant.
- Held will schedule work on HVAC in the front portion of the plant as previously discussed.

Filters:

- Held reported on his communications with Tonka; they have asked him to gather data so they can assess the extent the manganese has blocked the filters and make further recommendations.

Sang-Chris Water Alliance Co-op:

- Brian Martin reported on recent activity and progress of the co-op. They plan to include elevated storage somewhere near Cardinal Hill Road and New City Road which we can tell EPA about as a possible solution to their concerns regarding our system.

New Berlin/Curran-Gardner Water Connection:

- Bill Pfeffer reported on a proposed project to install approximately 1,800 feet of pipe and a pump station to connect New Berlin with Curran-Gardner. Our board would need to participate financially in this project which would act as an emergency interconnection for New Berlin. The project is expected to cost \$160,000 to \$200,000.
- Bob Dalton outlined another option for emergency interconnection related to the line they are laying which will cross our line at Mansion Road. Curran-Gardner would have to work this out with CWLP.

Curran-Gardner Management Update :

- Bob Dalton reported they are accepting applications for a new manager and additional staff. They plan to have three people trained on our system to add continuity in personnel.
- Discussion regarding hiring and training our own personnel, possibly someone from each of the Villages of Chatham and New Berlin, to further expand the pool of people we can call on to help with the plant and possibly cut costs.
- Chairman McCord scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, July 18, at noon in the Rabin & Myers conference room to hold an executive session discussion regarding personnel matters with John Myers and Dan Held present.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be August 20, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhard Road, Rochester.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk