

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
August 20, 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 (CGTPWD), Todd Folder (CGTPWD), Dan Held (SSWC), Shane Hill (Chatham), Brian Martin (Greene & Bradford), John Myers (Rabin & Myers), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Joel Sanders (New Berlin), Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Mike Williamsen (Chatham); Mike (CGTPWD)

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 July 16, 2013 meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve July 18 special meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Bill Pfeffer presented the financial reports for July 31, 2013 showing an operating account balance of \$276,170.60.

- Pfeffer presented a cash flow report which indicates a projected annual deficiency in revenues of \$440,508, or \$1.08 per 1,000 gallons of projected water sales. The methodology of the report had been reviewed by someone from IRWA.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

- Treasurer Pfeffer distributed a list of open payables totaling \$95,749.98 and items paid since the last meeting for utility and chemical bills with early due dates totaling \$24,495.66 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.

Wholesale Water Rates:

MOTION by Pfeffer; second by Hall to bring to the floor for discussion and passage Ordinance 13-05, An Ordinance Pertaining to Wholesale Water Rates

Discussion:

- Sales are down due to the cooler and wetter weather this spring and summer.
- Repairs, brine hauling and chemical costs are up.
- Shane Hill will do a time study to analyze brine hauling.
- Bill Pfeffer suggested an increase of \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons.
- Del McCord suggested an increase of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons with a serious look at cutting costs where possible (a 17% increase).

Section 1 of the Ordinance was completed to read, “The rate for wholesale water sales to member municipalities of the South Sangamon Water Commission and all other governmental wholesale and interconnection customers, shall be \$6.85 per thousand gallons.”

Section 3 of the Ordinance was completed to read, “The rates set forth in this Ordinance are effective with respect to meter readings on and after September 1, 2013 and supersedes all prior wholesale rate ordinances.”

Roll call vote: McCord – yes Pfeffer – yes Hall – yes

- Pfeffer, Myers and Williamsen were assigned to put together a press release by Wednesday.

MOTION by Hall, second by Pfeffer to revisit this rate in one year.

Voice vote: Motion carried

Line of Credit with Illinois National Bank:

- Attorney Myers explained that the commission has no authority to borrow money but the villages may be responsible through an intergovernmental agreement. This renews a similar agreement approved in 2010 (Ordinance 10-34) and includes language in Section 4 which will allow for future renewals as long as interest rates do not exceed 6-1/2% without approving a new agreement.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to approve Ordinance 13-06, An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Villages of New Berlin and Chatham Relating to an Operating Loan for the Commission

Roll call vote: McCord – yes Pfeffer – yes Hall – yes

Manager’s Report by Dan Held:

- IMCO completed installation of new meters in wells on July 18. AAC wired in all meters except well #2 which will be completed when a longer cable is installed to reach it.

- Commissioners agreed to move forward with mowing and mulching in the CRP area up to \$15,000 at this time and holding the remainder of the work until additional CRP funds are available.
- The feed rate for ORA-CLE was reduced to 10 mg/L on August 8 for a two-week period. Following this (tentatively August 26) we will meet with customers to analyze results.
- Held continues to monitor and work on high chloride issues.
- Well #5 test results continue to fail; Brotcke Well and Pump will come the end of August to treat the well at an estimated cost of \$1,500.
- AAC's work on SCADA appears to have corrected problems with crashes and alarms.
- E.L. Pruitt added bracing to the chloride waste lines to solve shaking issues believed to have caused the leak. Additional work to fix the leak will be done during off-peak season.
- Brine pump #2 leaked. Tonka/Indelco will replace pump at no charge.
- Mixing tank modifications were complete. Chemical feed vault and floor should be ready to begin soon.
- Installation of the master meter will require an EPA waiver to avoid shutting down for days of testing.
- Looking ahead at reducing use of WesTech filters beyond what the current chemical feed project will allow, Held has talked with MECO regarding green sand filters as an option and presented an estimated cost projection of \$1,065,600. Commissioners agreed to wait to pursue this option further until the need is better defined and more imminent.
- Chlorine distribution pump calibration was off. Held will contact Brooks regarding ongoing maintenance.

New Business:

Sang-Chris Water Alliance:

- Brian Martin asked about our retail rates. No one will be hooked up to our mains at this time but possibly in the future subject to an agreement to be made at a later date.

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District Contract:

- Todd Folder, commissioner for CGTPWD, stated they are willing to hold a special meeting to discuss termination of our management contract with them. He further suggested they would be willing to help as needed at some agreed rate during the transition process and in the future.
- Attorney Myers presented a draft termination agreement. Commissioners will work together to schedule a joint special meeting later in the week to discuss and finalize an agreement.
- Dan Held expressed his appreciation for his time working for CGTPWD and hopes for a continued relationship with them as our commissions cooperate in the future.

Executive Session:

10:45 a.m.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to go into executive session to discuss probable litigation and personnel matters

Voice vote: Motion carried.

11:50 a.m. returned to regular session

Old Business:

New Berlin/Curran-Gardner Emergency Connection:

- Bill Pfeffer reported that at a meeting on August 19 it was determined that New Berlin's share of the connection will be approximately \$98,000 and CGTPWD's share approximately \$82,000.
- Suggested that they explore solution options with CWLP.

Adjournment:

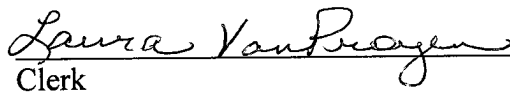
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be September 17, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhard Road, Rochester.

MOTION by Pfeffer, second by Hall to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted,


Clerk