

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
September 20, 2016; 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:

Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Dan Held, Joe Hurley and Marc Thomas (Woodard & Curran), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, et al.), Darlene Linxwiler (Acting Recorder for SSWC), Bruce Rushton (Illinois Times), Beckie Ethell, Darlene Judd, Jeff Greer, Andrea Parker

Proceedings:

- Meeting was called to order at 2:58 p.m. by Commissioner Joel Sander and roll taken.

Roll Call: all present. Meeting called to order.

Audit Presentation:

- Report did not happen today due to Auditor being called into court.

Management Report for August, 2016, presented by Dan Held:

- An address correction has been requested with IEPA for all correspondence to come to the water plant rather than the post office box to avoid future response delays.
- De-chlorination project online now.
- Well water samples are back and all 10 samples were good.
- September 12, 2016 test results were not available yet.
- 5210 New City Service Road service leak; possibly ran over by mower, approximate \$2000 in repairs.
- IEPA non-compliance matter has become a violation; response due at end of September, 2016.
- Calling IEPA for operating permit, have verbal permit now.
- Non-compliance and violation difference noted.

Engineering Report presented by Max Middendorf and Joe Hurley:

- Fail safes in place
- All computers and software have been updated and/or replaced; added 2nd computer
- Automated features update
- 911 Early notification made possible by automated features
- Operators will have control of plant operations at all times with the automated feature; dial into system at any time.

- West tech 100% complete and combined to see the whole plant/Tonka Filter system; Tonka has 28 screens and tags and they are being added to the screens.
- Remote access capability added
- Tags will be imported last
- Still on schedule for end of the year.

Public Comments:

- Commissioners heard questions and concerns regarding:
 - Curry report
 - Additional borrowing and rates
 - Independent study on possible rate increase; no one hired at this time but Randy Segatto spoke and wishes to hire ASAP
 - Dan Forbes from Sperry Financial hired to assist
 - Wholesale rates sold to Chatham and New Berlin; villages set their own retail rates.
 - Water quality including chlorine smell at residence and corrosion issues
 - Chatham District meeting September 26, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Community Center in Chatham; one commissioner is able to attend due to Open Meetings Act rule
 - EJ Water Cooperative, water mains and line being laid
 - Chatham's Home Rule and Apartment building growth for financial reasons
 - Plant capacity; wells run at 2.2 million gallons now and filters run about 16 hours a day
 - What the original bonds included; who will be paying for the upgrades later if needed.
 - Matt Mau's Radio Report
 - Capital Improvements
 - 60 Minutes being present at Chatham meeting
 - Real estate taxes being attached to the Bonds

Capital Improvement Plan Discussion:

- Water rate study needs to start immediately.
- Hydropneumatic Storage Tank in process – approximate completion by end of the year
- Incorporate WesTech; Tonka into plant SCADA in process
- Chem Room Air Handling Modifications has been tabled
- E, F, G and H on the worksheet are in process
- Bisulfite to Lagoon near completion
- Fix Floor in Fluoride Room has no updated quotes but moving forward
- CL17 meter has been relocated

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

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Sander, second by Hall to approve the August 16, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

No report was presented in the absence of the treasurer.

Approval of Open Invoices for Payment:

Outstanding invoices were noticed on the Unpaid Bills Detail of September 16, 2016.

MOTION by Sander, second by Hall to approve and pay all invoices in the detail.

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

Old Business:

- Speer Financial, Inc. hired, continues to proceed with rate study
- Refinance vs. purchase of new bonds
- Dan Held proposed bringing in interns to work for school hours instead of pay. Discussions continue on this matter.

New Business:

- Brandt/FS to do comparison for New Berlin Old 36
- Due to incompatibility issues between the existing copier in the business office and the newer computer operating system, it was recommended we leasing a newer copier at approximately the same cost.

MOTION by Hall, second by Sander, to approve new copier lease for business office with Watts Customized Rental Program at \$186.21 per quarter.

Voice Vote: Motion carried.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Sander, second by Hall to adjourn.

Voice Vote: Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.