

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Rescheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
August 16, 2021
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson, Jim Roth

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin, Kevin Canham & Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, et al), Adam Withee (Zumbahlen, Eyth et al)

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by chairman, Jim Roth, and roll was taken.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin distributed and reviewed the July, 2021, written report.

Filter Train Replacement Status:

- Bivin stated the new equipment was on order with arrival expected in December or January. The local (St. Louis) WesTech representative would come in a week or two to check everything out in preparation for this work.

Hydrants:

- Bivin reported plant personnel noticed a drop in pressure recently, and went looking for possible reasons. They found there was a fire on Cardinal Hill Road and the Rochester Fire Protection District was pulling water from one of our hydrants. He asked if the Commission has a policy regarding use of our hydrants by others and whether we charge for this type of water usage.

- All Commission hydrants are flushing hydrants only and should not be used for other purposes or by other communities.

- Commissioners asked Max Middendorf to prepare a policy letter to all fire districts through which our mains run letting them know our hydrants are not designed for fire use.

Chloramine Conversion:

- Commissioner Johnson asked what type of inquiries had come from customers since the conversion. Bivin stated most were questions about how it could affect various things, mostly about fish tanks.

Engineering Report:

New Berlin Meter Relocation Project:

- Middendorf stated the meter pit was backfilled and ready for bacT testing.

- The new pit was relocated on top of the old one to avoid damage to tree roots.

- Lee Electric would be ready to reestablish conduits in about a week.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Audit Presentation:

- Adam Withee presented the completed audit report.
- The audit opinion letter stated everything covered in the audit was materially complete and correct.

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- Cash was up substantially over last year; this was largely due to refinancing of the bonds.
- Withee explained the \$2,162,676 Premium Issuance of Debt liability came because the new bonds sold for more than face value due to favorable interest rates. This amount would be amortized over the life of the bonds.

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- \$781,656 shown as Contractual Services and Other was mostly related to costs associated with the refinancing of the bonds which were handled at closing; we did not actually handle that money.
- \$164,087 in Professional Services was due to the auditors writing off the engineering fees which had been incurred long enough ago in the early stages of the greensand filter that they were no longer of value even if that project were to be looked at again in the future.
- Fiscal year 2021 would be the last time Capital Contributions would appear since the Build America Bonds were paid off by the refinancing; this amount had to do with the sequestration and subsidy associated with those bonds.

Page 9 Note 5(d) discusses the positive impact on Commission finances due to the refinancing over the life of the bonds.

Withee left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular meeting were not available for review and approval. They would be approved at the September regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Having received the audit, there was no further financial report at this meeting.

Approval for Payment of Invoices:

- Commissioners received a list of payable items for approval totaling \$104,240.08.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve payment of all invoices as listed.

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

Old Business

- Commissioner Johnson asked about status of the new mower; Bivin stated it had not yet arrived.
- Commissioner Morris reported one thing that had been found as a possible explanation of communication issues at the New Berlin tower was a firewall issue. They were working with the Village's IT people to figure that out.
- Commissioner Roth stated there was no word from CWLP yet regarding the proposed agreement. He will follow up with the City.

New Business:

- Commissioner Roth presented an agreement with MECO Engineering regarding Filter Train #1 upgrades.

MOTION by Roth, second by Morris to approve and authorize signature of the contract with MECO Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$8,300 (\$9,800 should a permit be required).

Voice vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth – yes Motion carried.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission will be held Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura VanProyen, Clerk