

South Sangamon Water Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
January 17, 2023  
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

**Commissioners:**

Present: Jim Roth, Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

**Others Present:**

Stephen Bivin & Laura VanProyen (SSWC), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto et al), Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering)

Mitch Nein (KAT Express)

**Proceedings:**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by chairman Jim Roth and roll was taken.

**Operating Report:**

- Stephen Bivin presented the December, 2022, written report.

**Compressor:**

Bivin had begun looking into compressor replacement. He was waiting for a recommendation from SCADAware regarding what type equipment would be needed. At this point cost estimates ranged from \$4,000 to \$15,000.

**Wells:**

- In addition to Well #4 still being down, Well #6 was also down. Brotcke was scheduled to clean #6 and replace the pump & motor before the end of January.

- Chatham turned on their CWLP connection for a weekend to keep their levels steady. Following well cleaning, capacity is expected to increase.

- Max Middendorf was working on a plan for initial testing in the area around Well #4 looking for a possible replacement location. Much of the existing equipment could be reused for a new well.

- Other possible options to explore regarding additional capacity included connection to Otter Lake and drawing from the gravel pits.

- Commissioner Morris suggested the addition of an "Incidents Impacting Plant" section to the Monthly Operating Report for reference. Bivin would begin this practice.

- Commissioner Johnson asked for an update regarding installation of cameras. There was no new information to report.

**Engineering Report:**

- Middendorf was working with Brotcke to move work on our wells up in priority.

- He was also researching Ranney wells as an option for the Commission. This could eliminate some redundancy of motors and other equipment, but construction would cost more and sufficient water would be needed.

- Jamie Headen had sent his report to commissioners by email in his absence from this meeting.

**Public Comments:****Discussion and Approval of Brine Hauling Contract Renewal:**

- Mitchell Nein of KAT Express was present to discuss renewal of the Commission's contract for hauling high chloride waste.
- Nein would provide a Contract to Randy Segatto outlining the details, as agreed of \$92 per hour with a \$15.00 fuel surcharge per load should diesel fuel prices exceed \$6.00 per gallon.

MOTION by Roth, second by Morris to approve Resolution 23-01, approving a transportation contract with KAT Express for trucking of high chloride waste, to include the amended contract for the three-year period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 provided by Mitchell Nein.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Mitchell Nein left the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Laura VanProyen had emailed draft financial reports for December, 2022, to the Commissioners for their review.
- Treasurer reported IMRF had announced an increase from 4.29% in 2022 to 5.84% for calendar 2023.
- Commissioner Johnson asked about alternatives to current high chloride waste hauling.
- Middendorf stated there could be other options in the future, but EPA is slow in moving on this matter at this time.
- Bivin stated the lease for the copier/printer at the plant would be upgraded to allow for color copies and better scanning capabilities.

MOTION by Morris, second by Roth to approve Resolution 23-02, approving equipment maintenance and agreement with Watts Copy Systems, Inc.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

**Approval for Payment of Invoices:**

- Commissioners received and reviewed a list of payable items for approval totaling \$57,845.46.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve payment of all listed invoices totaling \$57,845.46 as presented.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Middendorf and Segatto reported there was a conference call with the Attorney General's office scheduled for February 14, 2023 regarding updated status on the Emergency Connection Project with Chatham. The call would include representatives from EPA as well as Roth, Bivin and Middendorf from the Commission.

- Commissioner Morris reported New Berlin had agreed to an average for calculating the billing adjustment for August through November, 2022, invoices.

- VanProyen would update the information that had been provided to Headen and Morris for use in their discussions with New Berlin and send it out to all Commissioners and Attorney Segatto for further discussion at the February, 2023, regular meeting.

**New Business:**

- There was no new business.

**Adjournment:**

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Laura VanProyen, Clerk