

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
August 21, 2023
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Jim Roth, Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin, Kevin Canham & Laura VanProyen (SSWC); Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering); Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, 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 written report for July, 2023.

Generator:

- Bivin reported the following pricing information to purchase a generator that could be used to run the pump station or a well:

New - \$80,000 to \$100,000

Mid-Life Used - \$30,000 to \$40,000

End-Life Used - \$15,200 to \$20,000

These costs were high because all power coming into the pump station was 3-phase.

- Stephen would talk with Chatham about a possible agreement to use one of their generators if needed in the future. He would also look into changing the power type going into the pump station and pricing for that type of generator.

Air Compressor:

- Bivin said one air compressor was still running but was on its way out, and the second one was close to the same condition. Pricing for a new air compressor was \$18,000 to \$20,000 each.

- By purchasing a tank and dryer separately, which could be used by both compressors moving forward, and one (1) compressor, the cost to replace the first one would be around \$20,000.

Only the compressor would be needed to replace the second one at a cost of around \$5,000.

- Max Middendorf agreed this made sense and recommended adding a solenoid on the tank's drain valve to prolong its life.

MOTION by Roth, second by Morris to authorize Biven to replace one (1) air compressor in separate parts as he had explained at a total cost not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Motion carried.

SCADA Computers:

- Bivin had a quote from Dell for model 5860 computers at a price of \$3,340 each. This was within about \$100 of SCADAware's quote for model 5820 computers. He had been told by Dell that model 5820 was no longer going to be supported by Dell beginning later this year.

MOTION by Morris, second by Roth to authorize Biven to purchase two (2) Dell 5860 computers at a total cost not to exceed \$7,000.

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

Motion carried.

- Chairman Roth reported that at the weekly morning meeting everyone was complimentary of Biven's help working with them to resolve chlorine level problems at New Berlin.

Engineering Reports:

- Jamie Headen had provided commissioners with an email status report stating the Emergency Connection project was on hold waiting for equipment due to ongoing supply chain issues.

- Max Middendorf reported he had received the Chemical Feed project permit.

- Middendorf had just received the topographical data on the wells so they could analyze that and bring it to the commissioners soon.

- The new Well #11 would be tying into 12-inch main in the roadway at Briar Ridge. The surveyor was not able to readily find property corner pins. Middendorf asked for direction from commissioners. They instructed him to confirm the property lines before moving forward.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Commissioners received unaudited draft financial reports for July 31, 2023.

- Laura VanProyen reported the best interest rates for the Surplus Account appeared to be with Illinois Funds. She would get more details about opening a second account.

- VanProyen had previously provided a bank balance worksheet for commissioners' review and future discussion regarding possible movement of excess funds to the surplus account.

MOTION by Roth, second by Johnson to authorize a transfer of \$400,000.00 from the System Fund Account into the Surplus Account.

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 totaling \$133,754.20. Two (2) rolls of postage stamps at a total cost of \$132.00 was added to the list.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve payment of all invoices listed with the addition for postage for a total to be paid of \$133,886.20.

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

Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioners discussed a wholesale rate reduction of \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for a period of one (1) year as requested by Village of Chatham.
- Commissioner Morris felt this was not a fiscally responsible decision for the commission and that it could set a bad precedent for possible similar requests in the future.
- Commissioner Roth felt we had sufficient finances at this time.
- Attorney Segatto suggested having customers waive both the 60-day notice required at the beginning and at the end of the one-year period at the same time. Waiver of the required notice must be received from all wholesale customers for a reduction to begin prior to November 1, 2023.

MOTION by Roth, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2023-03, temporarily reducing wholesale water rates by \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the effective date of the ordinance.

Roll call vote: Morris – no Johnson – yes Roth – yes

Motion carried.

Commissioner Morris left the meeting

- Commissioners instructed the Clerk to send letters to the mayors and clerks of both villages and contacts of other wholesale customers making them aware of this decision.

New Business:

- Bivin reported the master meter was running below actual flow. To clean it and bring make it more accurate would require shutting the plant down because there is not currently any way to valve it out of the system for maintenance. This would need to be addressed in the future.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, September 18, 2023, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura VanProyen, Clerk