

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 18, 2024
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Jim, Roth, Dave Johnson, Cindy Morris

Absent: none

Quorum: yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin, Kevin Canham & Laura VanProyen (SSWC); Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering); Dana Heck (Brotcke Well & Pump), Randy Segatto (Barber Segatto et al)

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by chairman Jim Roth, and roll was taken.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin gave a brief summary of the February printed report.

- Dana Heck, from Brotcke Well & Pump, attended to explain and discuss issues found during the cleaning of Well #3. Fluid was coming up around the surface casing and another location nearby. He recommended they should investigate the integrity of the grout seal and correct the problem at a cost of \$3,908

- More expansive seal is already in their plans for New Well #11.

MOTION by Morris, second by Roth to authorize Brotcke to investigate and correct what's happening at Well #3 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Motion carried.

Engineering Reports:

- Jamie Headen emailed an update to commissioners; he stated the valve had arrived and was being installed. Following installation and completion of electrical and SCADA items, testing, and start up, sampling for an IEPA operating permit would be done.

- He reported a project completion date of Spring, 2024.

- Max Middendorf had executed contract documents for Chairman Roth's signature. The next step would be scheduling pre-construction.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Laura VanProyen provided 2.28.2024 financial reports for commissioners' information and review.

FY2025 Budget Discussion:

- VanProyen contacted the auditor and bond counsel for assistance in how to properly structure the budget ordinance to show capital improvements being paid from unrestricted surplus funds, outside the Operating and Maintenance budget. Mike Southworth would be in touch with Randy Segatto soon to discuss those details.

- The Public Hearing on the Appropriation Ordinance was set for April 15, 2024 at 5:25 immediately prior to the regular meeting.

Approval for Payment of Invoices:

- Commissioners reviewed a list of payable items totaling \$61,978.08.

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

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

Old Business:

- Attorney Segatto reminded commissioners someone needed to contact CWLP to move along the possible change of their agreement with Chatham to being with South Sangamon Water Commission instead. With the Emergency Connection project coming to completion, that would be the next thing needed for the final response to the Attorney General's office.

- Dave Johnson asked about status regarding the Bac-T waiver request with EPA. Bivin reported having trouble reaching anyone at EPA; messages had been left but nothing was finalized yet.

- Cindy Morris asked about status on the selenium advisory. Bivin reported the same trouble communicating with EPA on this matter; he would continue to follow up until finalized.

Johnson asked about status on possibly working with Asterra regarding leak detection. Bivin stated Chatham was still looking into the details.

New Business:

- Bivin reported regarding a retail client experiencing health concerns in the household getting behind in payments for their water. Commissioners agreed we could hold off on disconnection, waive current late fees, and work with them to make payment arrangements. Stephen would stop by to discuss options with the customer.

- Johnson reported Chatham was discussing a water rate increase for their customers.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, April 15, 2024, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois immediately following the 5:25 Public Hearing.

MOTION by Morris, second by Johnson to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura VanProyen, Clerk