

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held April 25, 2023
In the Board Room of the Spring Creek Plant 3000 North 8th Street
Springfield, Illinois

The Board of Trustees of the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District met at the Spring Creek Treatment Plant of the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, Springfield, Illinois at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2023. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, John Hearn, and Jim Reinhart. Also present were Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer, Ed Vehovic, Treasurer, Bruce Stratton, District Attorney and Justin Reichert District Attorney and Human Resource Officer. Joe Roesch, District Attorney and Trustee Drinda OConnor were excused. Guest present was Christy Crites of CMT

2. Old Business – None

3. Omnibus Motion

The Director presented the Board with an Omnibus Motion for approval of the following items:

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Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the Omnibus Motion be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Terry Schierholz and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

a. Budget Hearing

The Director opened the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing and asked if anyone had any questions or comments in regard to the proposed budget. Hearing none, the budget hearing was closed.

b. 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance No. 2023-4

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the ordinance be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Terry Schierholz and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

c. Root Foaming Resolution No 2023-5

The Director presented an emergency resolution regarding root foaming for the Lake Springfield area sewers. Trustee Terry Schierholz moved the resolution be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Hearn and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

d. Authority to Sign-Low Pressure Sewer System Projects Resolution No. 2023-6

The Director presented a Resolution to allow the Executive Director and the District Engineer to have signing authority for lake area low-pressure sewer agreements with the City of Springfield. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved for the resolution be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Hearn and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

e. Sangamon County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution No. 2023-7

The Director presented a Resolution to allow the District’s participation in Sangamon County’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trustee Terry Schierholz moved the resolution be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Jim Reinhart and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

f. Sugar Creek CSO Headworks Project Bid

The Director and Christy Crites presented to the Board the bid for the Sugar Creek CSO Headworks Project. One bid was received from Plocher Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$8.16M for the Base Bid. This was within the cost estimates provided to IEPA for our SRF Loan and the bid is recommended for a Notice of Intent to Award. Also, if there is additional funding available when the IEPA SRF Loan Document is executed, the District may award some or all of the alternate bid items. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the Notice of Intent to Award be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Hearn and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

4. Trustee Reports – None

5. Director’s Report

The Director reported on the following:

1. We have requested that the Illinois Wastewater Surveillance System consider testing for polio (as this disease is showing a resurgence overseas). We have offered to provide whatever resources are necessary to begin this program and the Illinois Department of Public Health will be contacting us.
2. We should have our Sugar Creek UV system up and running for a proposed May 1st start date and our Spring Creek Plant UV is already running. Both systems are running smoothly and providing excellent results.

6. Attorney’s Report

a. Personnel

The Stage 3 Grievance Hearing for an employee termination was held with Joe Roesch, District Attorney, acting as the Board’s representative. Both disciplines contained in the Grievance were upheld.

At this time, we are waiting to see if the Union intends to pursue a Stage 4 grievance, which is arbitration. We have also been informed the employee has made an EEOC complaint, but that was three weeks ago, and we have not received a copy of the complaint yet. Our insurance company is aware a complaint has been made and is standing by to handle this matter.

7. Adjourn Meeting


There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Terry Schierholz and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Minutes approved,



President

Attest: 

Clerk

