

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held February 28, 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 February 28, 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. Trustee Drinda OConnor was attending by phone. Also present were Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer, Ed Vehovic, Treasurer and Joe Roesch, District Attorney. Bruce Stratton, District Attorney and Justin Reichert District Attorney and Human Resource Officer were excused. No guests were present.

Trustee Terry Schierholz moved to allow Trustee Drinda OConnor to attend by phone. 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, John Hearn, and Jim Reinhart. Those voting “no” being: none.

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, Drinda OConnor, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

a. FY 2024 Healthcare Resolution No. 2023-2

Trustee Drinda OConnor moved FY 2024 Healthcare Resolution No. 2023-2 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, Drinda OConnor, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

b. FY 2024 User Rate Resolution No. 2023-3

Trustee Terry Schierholz moved FY 2024 User Rate Resolution No. 2023-3 be approved. The increase is a 4% increase due to the December CPI. Also, planned CSO rate increases are applied to the City of Springfield rates. 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, Drinda OConnor, 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 been notified the District is eligible to receive SRF bypass loan money from IEPA for our Sugar Creek CSO Headworks Project. This is the previously bid project which came in above estimate. We were unable to rebid it due to IEPA not providing funding in their next fiscal year. We will be rebidding the project in April and the project is expected to cost approximately \$9M.
2. Construction is progressing on the Bunn Park Project with storm sewer now being installed and the pavement will take work as weather allows.
3. The District began participating in the Illinois Wastewater Surveillance program for Covid testing of our plant flows for each plant and are awaiting results to show up on the website.
4. We have submitted the Oak Ridge CSO Project to IEPA for permitting and will bid the project later this year when all permits are in place.
5. We have signed and submitted our grant agreement for our DCEO Grant. We are waiting for the executed copy to be returned once DCEO signs.

6. Attorney's Report

a. Personnel

Joe Roesch, District Attorney, reported the Union requested a Stage III grievance hearing. This step elevates an employee grievance to the Board. The Board designated Attorney Roesch as the Boards Hearing Officer to perform this task on behalf of the Board. All members present concurred with this plan. The Union will be contacted, and a hearing date will be set.


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, Drinda OConnor, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart, and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes approved,


President

Attest: 
Clerk

