

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District  
Held November 26, 2019  
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 November 26, 2019. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, and John Hearn. Also present were Ed Vehovic, Treasurer, Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resource Officer, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer. Trustees Jim Reinhart and John Pruitt along with Bruce Stratton and Joe Roesch, District Attorneys, were excused. Guest present was Christy Crites of CMT.

Trustee Drinda OConnor moved that Trustee Jim Reinhart be allowed to attend by telephone. 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 and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the October 2019 meeting minutes be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Drinda OConnor and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the November 2019 invoices 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, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

**4. Old Business – None**

**5. New Business**

**a. November 2019 Bond Expenditure Resolution No. 2019-32**

The Board was presented with the monthly bond expenditure resolution for approval. Trustee Drinda OConnor 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, Drinda OConnor, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

- b. Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2019-33 (36 West Fairview), 34 (50 West Fairview), 35 (Cardinal Ridge Area – Chatham, IL), 36 (6131 Horseview Drive), 37 (2500 Colt Road) & 38 (Brother James Court)

The Board was presented with annexations for approval. Trustee John Hearn moved the annexations be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Drinda OConnor and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

- c. 2020 Holiday and Board Meeting Schedules

The Board was presented with the next year’s holiday and board meeting schedules. Trustee John Hearn moved to accept the proposals. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Drinda OConnor and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

- d. Resolution No. 2019-39 Authority to Sign

The Board was presented with a resolution allowing certain administrators to sign documents on behalf of the District. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the resolution. 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, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

- e. Salvage/Recycled Equipment Declaration

The Board was presented with a listing of computer equipment to be declared as salvage to allow recycling of the items. Trustee John Hearn moved to approve the resolution. 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, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

## **6. Trustee Reports – No Reports**

## **7. Staff Reports**

The Director reported on the following:

1. In December we will have a program for consideration for the construction of Overhead Sewers for homes that have lower levels connected directly to the sanitary sewers and experience backups. This would be offered only to areas which are in the District’s collection system areas (unincorporated areas, Jerome, Leland Grove, Southern View, Grandview and the Curran-Gardner areas). The program would provide the same benefit as the City’s. The cost share would be 75% of the cost (up to a total District participation amount of \$3,500) along with



paying the plumbing inspection permit fee. John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer, will have this prepared for consideration at our December Board Meeting. We will begin the program in FY 2021 starting May 1, 2020. Initial cost of the program is expected to be a little over \$350,000 which will provide for 100 overhead sewer connections.

2. We are also currently working on a rewrite of the District's sewer use ordinance. Our latest NPDES Permit renewal for the Spring Creek Plant requires we review and update our sewer use ordinance. We plan on having this for Board consideration after the first of the year with it being effective on May 1, 2020.

3. We plan on beginning talks with our local realtor association and our municipal governments to discuss how to remove inflow into our system from illegal sump pump connections. The City of Springfield currently has an ordinance in place (but has not enforced) which requires all property sales be inspected to determine if the sump pump serving the property (if one is installed) is illegally connected to the sanitary sewer. We do not want to do anything that would delay a sale, but we have to work out a method and means to have the properties inspected. Currently we see tremendous spikes in flow from areas which are not located in combined sewer areas, but we suspect have a large number of illegal connections from sump pumps.

4. We are planning on a revamping of our Pre-Treatment Program and our administrative structure within the District. Besides the Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) issues we currently deal with in regards to grease traps, along with our Significant Industrial User program, we will be inspecting all dentists in our service area to confirm compliance with the recent dental amalgam rules for pre-treatment programs such as ours.

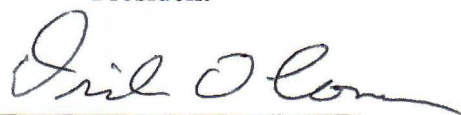
**8. Attorney's Report - None**

**9. 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 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, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes approved,

  
President

Attest:   
Clerk

