

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held October 29, 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 October 29, 2019. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, Jim Reinhart, John Pruitt, 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, Joe Roesch, District Attorney, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer and Bruce Stratton, District Attorney. Guests present were Christy Crites of CMT and member of the public John Yoggerst.

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the September 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, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

Trustee John Pruitt moved the October 2019 invoices 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, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

Mr. Yoggerst was asked if he wished to address the Board on any matters and he declined.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business

a. October 2019 Bond Expenditure Resolution No. 2019-25

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 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, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

b. Annexation Ordinance No. 2019-26 (Idlewild Lane), -30 (HSHS), & 31(Hospital Sisters)

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

c. Vactor, John Deere and Bobcat Proposals

The Board was presented with Sourcewell Purchasing proposals for a Vactor Sewer Truck, two John Deere Tractors with accessories and a Bobcat Mini-Excavator with accessories. Trustee Jim Reinhart 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, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

d. 2019 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance No. 2019-27

The Board was presented with the District’s tax levy abatement ordinance for its current bond issues requiring abatements. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pruitt and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

e. Sugar Creek Operations Building Improvement Bids

The Board was presented with the bid tabulations for the Sugar Creek Operations Building Improvements. The low bidder was R. A. Vollentine. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to accept the low bid proposal from Vollentine. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pruitt and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

f. Lake Springfield Sewer Study

Assistant District Engineer John Higginbotham presented the Board with an engineering agreement for a sewer study on several areas at Lake Springfield. The areas contain some of the oldest sewers at the lake and many are nearing the end of their useful life. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to accept the agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pruitt and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

g. Pretreatment Ordinance No. 2019-28

The Board was presented with District's Pretreatment Ordinance. This has been in the works since 2012 and was finally approved this fall by USEPA. Once approved, the ordinance is required to be published in the paper and will then become effective following a final sign-off from USEPA. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pruitt and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none.

h. Laboratory Fee Ordinance

The Board was presented with the District's Laboratory Fee Ordinance. This is a companion ordinance in conjunction with the Pretreatment Ordinance. Trustee John Pruitt moved to approve the ordinance. 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, John Pruitt, 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. We had a great open house. There were 134 attendees, the weather was great and the SJ-R had a nice article on the event.
2. We are considering putting a program in place similar to the City of Springfield for the construction of Overhead Sewers for homes which 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 will have this prepared for consideration at our November Board Meeting. We will start the program to kick off next fiscal year on May 1, 2020. Initial cost is expected to be a little over \$350,000 which will provide for 100 connections.

8. Attorney's Report

a. Personnel


Justin Reichert reported there is a need to hire an Assistant Accounts Manager and two entry level Laborer positions. The Assistant Accounts Manager will backup our existing Accounts Manager and will also back up the Benefits Coordinator. The new Laborers are necessary due to the amount of work underway and planning for future work for collection system


cleaning and maintenance projects. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to approve hiring for the positions. 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, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: 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 Pruitt and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pruitt, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting "no" being: none. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes approved,


President

Attest: 
Clerk

