

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District  
Held April 26, 2022  
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 26, 2022. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, 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 and Bruce Stratton, District Attorney, Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resource Officer and Joe Roesch, District Attorney were excused. Guests present were Shane Remmert of CMT and Dan Hamilton of Brown, Hay and Stephens, LLC.

## **2. Old Business – FY 2022-2023 Budget Hearing**

The budget hearing was opened by the Executive Director and it was explained that the draft budget would be updated to reflect the current cash on hand, the 2021 tax levy collected in 2022, and the insurance renewal amounts. It was asked if anyone wished to address the board in regards to the proposed budget. Having no comments, the hearing was closed.

## **3. Omnibus Motion**

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

March Minutes  
April Invoices

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the Omnibus Motion 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.

### **a. 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance No. 2022-6**

Trustee Terry Schierholz moved the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance be approved, filed and published. 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, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

### **b. Annexation Ordinance No. 2022-7 (2280 E. Walnut Street)**

Trustee John Hearn moved to approve the annexation 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, Terry Schierholz, Jim Reinhart and John Hearn. Those voting “no” being: none.

c. Wabash Commercial Park Covenant Sign-Off

The Board was presented with an amendment to the covenants for Wabash Commercial Park. The District owns the lot on which its pump station is located. For the covenants to be changed, sign-off by the District as a property owner is necessary to allow Springfield Clinic to utilize additional lots it has purchased within the subdivision for medical uses. Trustee Terry Schierholz moved to approve the Board President sign-off on the covenant change. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Drinda OConnor. 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.

d. Oak Ridge CSO Interceptor Sewer Design Agreement

The Board was presented with an engineering agreement for the Oak Ridge CSO Interceptor Sewer Design. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Terry Schierholz. 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.

e. CSO Overflow Monitoring Equipment Agreement

The Board was presented with an engineering agreement for the District’s CSO Overflow Monitoring Equipment needs. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to approve the agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Hearn. 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**

1. Weather has been impeding the Bond and Patton CSO work. The Sugar Creek UV Project is ongoing.

2. Work is being completed for the rebid of the Sugar Creek CSO Headworks Project. Shane Remmert of CMT explained IEPA is changing their Made in America language and these changes will be incorporated into the documents.

3. We were notified a week ago that unbeknownst to us, our Sugar Creek NPDES Permit was issued in March of 2021 with an effective date of April 1, 2021. Neither our consultant, nor we, knew of this. We never received a copy of the final permit in the mail. In addition, the final permit is not listed on IEPA’s or USEPA’s websites. It is apparent something happened on IEPA’s end. When we asked for a copy of the permit, we were told it was sent out for imaging. IEPA was able to provide us with a marked-up copy which has all the compliance dates in the permit highlighted. We know that there are many items which are to be completed in the first year of the permit, which have not been completed and we technically are not in compliance. We discussed this with IEPA and they stated the items currently not completed are Level 2 violations and notices of violation should not be issued by IEPA.

4. Attached are the new renewal rates for the District’s property and liability insurance. We are seeing some increases which is expected following Covid issues, cyber issues and coming off a 3 year rate schedule.

5. The District's natural gas contract has been obtained from the current supplier, Constellation Energy. The price is approximately double the current cost, so a two-year contract was obtained to hopefully get past the high spikes in energy costs due to the Ukraine situation.

6. S&P has issued a new rating for the District's General Obligation (GO) alternate-revenue-source bonds. This was due to S&P changing their rating criteria and have put the alternate bonds on the same par as our general obligation bonds. Both bond types are now rated BBB+ with a stable outlook.

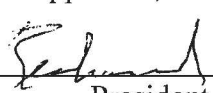
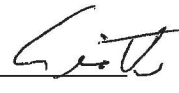
6. **Attorney's Report-None**

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 9:15 a.m.

Minutes approved,

   
President

Attest:   
Asst Clerk

