

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held January 25, 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 January 25, 2022. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Terry Schierholz, John Hearn, Drinda OConnor (by telephone) and Jim Reinhart. Also present were Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer, Ed Vehovic, Treasurer and Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resource Officer. Bruce Stratton and Joe Roesch, District Attorneys were excused. Guest present was Christy Crites of CMT.

Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to allow Trustee Drinda OConnor to attend by phone. 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.

2. Old Business-No Old Business

3. Omnibus Motion

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

December Minutes
January Invoices

Trustee Terry Schierholz 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. Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2022-1 & 2022-2

The Board was presented with Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2022-1 and 2022-2. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to approve the ordinances. 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.

b. City of Springfield – EDC Member Recommendation

It was discussed that the District needed to designate a member for the City of Springfield’s Economic Development Commission. Trustee Terry Schierholz had expressed an interest in serving on this commission. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to appoint Trustee Terry Schierholz as the District’s representative to the City of Springfield’s Economic Development Commission. 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.

c. IDOL-OSHA Inspection Letter and Reports

The Director reported all work relating to the District's recent IDOL-OSHA citation letter were being completed. Once all work is completed the District will request IDOL to visit both plants for an in-depth inspection to determine if there are any items which need correction.

d. SSGA 2022 Commitment

The Director presented the Board with the Springfield-Sangamon Growth Alliance request for 2022. The request is for the same amount as 2021, \$45,000. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the commitment. 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.

e. Power Purchasing for Ameren Facilities

The Director informed the Board that an 18-month agreement for purchasing power from Constellation, our current supplier has been completed. The 18 month contract was the best pricing at this time, beating out the 1, 2 and 3 year pricing.

f. CMT Engineering Agreements

The Director presented the Board with two contract amendments for engineering services for the Bond and Patton CSO Project and the Sugar Creek CSO Headworks Project. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved to approve the agreements. 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.

4. Trustee Reports

Trustee Reinhart asked if the City was performing any CSO projects at this time. Currently the District is the only agency performing CSO projects.

5. Director's Report

1. Work is progressing on both our Sugar Creek UV Project and our Bond and Patton CSO Project. The Bond and Patton CSO work has resumed as the level of Spring Creek has dropped to allow construction.

2. We will begin working on the Harvard Park Area CSO Project as soon as funds are released. We will first prepare plans for a pilot study for the area to help determine the best methods for reducing infiltration into the system.

3. We will be conducting a review and revision of all District safety related policies and procedures by Stratton & Reichert. We will also be reviewing our FOIA and OMA policies and procedures along with updating the District's Sewer Use Ordinance, Connection Ordinance and other operating ordinances and documents. Trustee OConnor asked if we were charging for FOIA request copies and it was explained the District does not charge for copies and tries to provide digital copies via email.

6. Attorney's Report

Justin Reichert reported he has filed the District's response regarding the personal injury lawsuit regarding the mobile home park on Forrest Avenue. We have notified our liability insurer about this claim and they will be reviewing and will probably retaining their own council.

a. Personnel

The Director discussed the need for approval of several positions to be filled over the next 12 months. With a possible retirement, we will need to have an Assistant Safety and Training Officer to learn and move into the position. We will also need an additional Engineering Technician along with two Laborer positions. Trustee Terry Schierholz moved to approve and fill the positions when needed. 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.

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 9:19 a.m.

Minutes approved,

Richard Ciotti
President

Attest: Drinda O'Connor
Asst. Clerk

