

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held March 28, 2017
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 9:02 a.m. on March 28, 2017. President Richard Ciotti called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following Trustees were present: Richard Ciotti, Rex Bangert, John Pasko and Drinda OConnor. Trustee Jim Reinhart was excused. Also present were Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, Ed Vehovic, Treasurer and Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resources Officer. Bruce Stratton, District Attorney was excused. Guest present was Christy Crites of CMT.

Trustee John Pasko moved the February 2017 Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Rex Bangert and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

Trustee Rex Bangert moved the March 2017 invoices be approved. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pasko and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

4. Unfinished Business – No Unfinished Business

5. New Business

a. March 2017 Bond Expenditure Resolution No. 2017-8

The Board was presented with the March 2017 Bond Expenditure Resolution. This contains a complete listing of bond expenditures for all current bond issues. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Rex Bangert and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

b. 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance No. 2017-9

The Board was presented with an ordinance for the 2017-2018 Budget. A public hearing was held at 8:45 a.m., prior to the Board Meeting. The following are the minutes from the Budget Hearing:

The 2017-2018 Budget Hearing of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, Sangamon County, Illinois (the "District") was called to order at 8:45 A.M. on March 28, 2017 by President Richard Ciotti, and upon the roll being called the following Trustees answered present: Richard Ciotti, John Pasko, Drinda OConnor and Rex Bangert. The following Trustee was absent: Jim Reinhart. Also in attendance was Ed Vehovic, Treasurer.

The President explained that the Hearing was to receive public comments on the District's proposed 2017-2018 Budget. The Director presented the Board with a final budget, which will be up for approval at the March 2017 Board Meeting. Whereupon, the President asked for any public comments concerning the proposed 2017-2018 Budget.

The following statements were given: None.

The President asked again if anyone desired to submit testimony. None was given, whereupon the President announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to comment with respect to the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. President Richard Ciotti moved and Trustee John Pasko seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was adjourned.

Trustee Rex Bangert moved to approve and publish the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance. The motion was duly seconded by John Pasko and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

c. Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2017-10 thru 12

The Board was presented with annexation ordinances for various properties. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the annexation ordinances. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pasko and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting "aye" when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, John Pasko, Drinda OConnor and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

d. Interfund Transfer Resolution No. 2017-13

The Board was presented with an interfund transfer resolution to provide working funds in the District's Replacement Fund account. Trustee John Pasko moved to approve the resolution. 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

6.Trustee Reports - None

7.Staff Reports

The Director reported the following:

Fitch Ratings has notified us that all water and sewer district bonds are being looked at for assignment of a "negative outlook". We were told this by Julie Seebach, who does the analysis for our General Obligation bond issues. The change in approach is due to a water district in Alabama declaring bankruptcy and somehow being able to not use the dedicated real estate tax revenue to pay their bonds (basically defaulted on the payments). Dan Forbes of Speer Financial and I argued it was not fair to put us into that type of rating as there is no legal vehicle in Illinois for a municipality to declare bankruptcy. Her argument was that it was felt that if an agency needed to declare bankruptcy, the legislature would pass the bills necessary to allow it. Our point must have been taken, as I received an email the next day and we were told we would not have the automatic "negative outlook" placed on our GO issues, but would be rerated (as we just did with Standard & Poor's). I am hoping the presentation we made to S&P will suffice for Fitch to not assign us a new rating.

There has been a good response to the Idlewild project. So far 6 homeowners have requested the necessary paperwork to connect.

We will have chemical proposals for the April Board Meeting. We will be getting prices on Chlorine and Liquid Sodium Aluminate.

a. Sugar Creek Pay Request Approval

The Director then presented Pay Request No. 20–Sugar Creek, from Williams Brothers in the amount of \$916,531.05. Trustee Rex Bangert moved to approve the pay request. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pasko and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting “no” being: none.

b. Sugar Creek Change Order Approvals

The Director then presented the Sugar Creek Change Orders to date. Trustee John Pasko moved to approve the Change Orders. 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting “no” being: none.

Christy Crites of CMT reported that progress is continuing at Sugar Creek and a test run of the new plant with plant effluent will begin shortly. It is still anticipated startup of the new plant will be on May 1st.

The Director reported Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, and Brian Tucker, Operations Supervisor have done an excellent job scheduling Operators and Relief Operators for the startup of Sugar Creek. The plan is to not utilize overtime, while still providing staffing of the Sugar Creek Plant with two two-man shifts a day, seven days a week, for four weeks.

8. Attorney’s Report

Justin Reichert reported there is a need for a Janitor hire and is recommending Scott McCamant for the position. Trustee John Pasko moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Scott McCamant. 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting “no” being: none.

Justin Reichert reported the most senior janitor is approaching 90 days of employment with the District. He has been doing a good job and the Labor Department needs to have Laborers as grass mowing and outside cleanup will begin very soon. It was requested the employee be allowed to complete their probationary period at 90 days as opposed to 180 days. Trustee John Pasko moved to allow the Executive Director and Human Resource Officer approve removing the most senior janitor from probation at 90 days of employment following satisfactory performance reviews. 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting “no” being: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Rex Bangert moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee John Pasko and upon being put to a vote was unanimously approved. Those voting “aye” when their names were called being: Richard Ciotti, Drinda OConnor, John Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting “no” being: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes approved,

Attest:

Clerk


President, Board of Trustees

