

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held May 30, 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 9:00 a.m. on May 30, 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, Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resources Officer and Bruce Stratton, District Attorney. Guest present was Christy Crites of CMT.

Trustee John Pasko moved the April 2017 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

Trustee Rex Bangert moved the May 2017 invoices 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 Pasko and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

4. Unfinished Business – No Unfinished Business

5. New Business

a. Organization of the Board and Appointments

At its May Meeting, the Board of Trustees must organize itself and make appointments for the new fiscal year. Trustee Rex Bangert moved to continue the fiscal year 2016-2017 appointments for fiscal year 2017-2018. 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, John Pasko, Drinda OConnor and Rex Bangert. Those voting "no" being: none.

b. May 2017 Bond Expenditure Resolution No. 2017-23

The Board was presented with the May 2017 Bond Expenditure Resolution. This contains a complete listing of bond expenditures for all current bond issues. 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.

c. Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2017-24 thru 26

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 Rex Bangert 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. Q5 Commitment

The Board was presented with the request for a renewal of the District's Q5 pledge of \$45,000 per year for 5 years. Trustee John Pasko moved to approve renewal of the pledge. 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.

e. Chatham Road-Jacksonville Branch Sanitary Sewer Easement

The Director presented the Board with an easement being quitclaimed by the City of Springfield to the District. Trustee Rex Bangert moved to accept the easement and have the Director record it. 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.

f. Low-Pressure Sewer System Costs

The Director requested the Board consider increasing the homeowner share for the low-pressure sewer systems at Crows Mill/Horseview Drive Area, Maple Grove Area, and Fairview Area by \$1,000 beginning January 1, 2018. The increase is necessary to reflect increased pricing for the Eone units and additional costs due to unforeseen construction costs. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to increase the homeowner share of costs for the three projects by \$1,000 beginning January 1, 2018 along with having the Director send letters to those properties not connected informing them of the upcoming change and to allow 10 year paybacks for the projects (Crows Mill/Horseview Drive is currently on a 5-year payback). 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.

g. SCWRD Personnel Policy

The Board was presented with an updated Personnel Policy which reflects changes due to the new union contract in effect May 1, 2017. Trustee John Pasko moved to approve the Personnel Policy. 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.

6.Trustee Reports

Trustee John Pasko reported he has submitted his resignation from the Board, but will serve until replaced. John was thanked for his 9 years of service and wished well for all his future endeavours.

7.Staff Reports

The Director reported the following:

As previously discussed, Fitch Ratings downgraded our General Obligation and Revenue Bonds to A+. We knew the GO bonds would be downgraded, but Fitch also downgraded the Revenue Bonds as their practice is to not rate a Revenue Bond higher than an entity's GO Rating. I have discussed this with Dan Forbes of Speer and he stated the rating which matters is S&P and we will not utilize Fitch for any bond issues going forward.

In addition, our Auditors have been in and we have asked for a quick turnaround on the Audit Report. Once we have the report we can move forward with refunding part of our bond issues to save costs and to help determine where our rate structure should be in the future for the Disinfection and CSO work.

a. Sugar Creek Pay Request Approval

The Director then presented Pay Request No. 22–Sugar Creek, from Williams Brothers in the amount of \$1,346,738.41. 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 with troubleshooting on electrical issues being one of the main items being worked on.

8. Attorney’s Report

Justin Reichert reported there is a need for a Laborer I hire and is recommending Mark Cimarossa for the position. Trustee John Pasko moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Mark Cimarossa. 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.

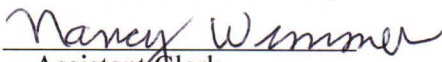
It was also reported that two District employees, Gregg Humphrey and Jeff Feurer will be deposed on June 22nd in relation to the construction worker fatality at the Sugar Creek Plant. Justin Reichert will attend the depositions with the employees.

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 9:23 a.m.

Minutes approved,


President, Board of Trustees

Attest: 
Assistant Clerk

