

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Held November 30, 2021
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 November 30, 2021. 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 and Jim Reinhart. Also present were Gregg S. Humphrey, Executive Director, Jason Jacobs, District Engineer, John Higginbotham, Assistant District Engineer, Ed Vehovic, Treasurer, Bruce Stratton, District Attorney. Joe Roesch, District Attorney and Justin Reichert, District Attorney and Human Resource Officer were excused. Guest present was Shane Remmert of CMT.

2. Old Business-No Old Business

3. Omnibus Motion

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

October Minutes
November Invoices
SCWRD 2022 Holiday Schedule
SCWRD FY 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Trustee Drinda OConnor 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. Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance No. 2021-19

The Board was presented with the annual tax levy abatement ordinance. Trustee Jim Reinhart moved the ordinance be approved and filed. 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.

b. Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2021-20 thru 28

The Board was presented with Annexation Ordinance Nos. 2021-20 thru 28. Trustee John Hearn 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.

c. Easement Vacation Ordinance No. 2021-29 (Bradfordton and Old Jacksonville Roads)

The Board was presented with an ordinance to vacate an existing sanitary sewer easement at Bradfordton and Old Jacksonville Roads. New easements have been provided to replace the vacated easement. Trustee Drinda OConnor moved to approve the ordinance. 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.

4. Trustee Reports - None
5. Director's Report

1. Work is progressing on both our Sugar Creek UV Project and our Bond and Patton CSO Project. Due to the amount of rain received in the past two months, causing Spring Creek to overtop its banks, the projected completion date has been extended by 3 months.

2. On Monday the 22nd we underwent an OSHA inspection by the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL). They stated they had sent us a list of items by certified mail of reported safety issues at our Spring Creek Plant, but we have no record of receiving it. Mike Ashenfelter, our Safety and Training Officer, took the lead and the inspection went very well. All three of our union spokespersons were requested to be in the meeting and they all attended. It became obvious that most of the issues were housekeeping related, but as we were questioned on what safety programs we had in place, Mike outlined all of what we are doing, and I feel the inspectors were impressed with the level we are at.

Some of the items listed on the report we had already taken care of, some still need additional corrective work, and some were determined to not be safety issues. The two inspectors, Mike and our spokespersons spent about 5 hours looking at every item on the list. We may receive citations for anything IDOL feels are high level safety issues, but they will not contain fines at this time. We are immediately prioritizing any issues found and have begun corrections and will document the corrections and may ask for a reinspection for verification.

3. With the possibility of Federal funding becoming available with the new legislation currently being worked on, we will be looking into how best to align the District to apply for and receive competitive grants.

4. Senator Doris Turner was contacted and our \$3.6M grant for CSO work in the Bunn Park area has been released. We are waiting to hear from DCEO to begin the process for receiving the funds.

5. Shane Remmert of CMT discussed our ongoing CSO projects.

6. Attorney's Report

Bruce Stratton reported the District was served papers in regard to a lawsuit regarding a mobile home park on Forrest Avenue. The District has no facilities at the park and the attorney who filed the complaint will be contacted.


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 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Minutes approved,


President

Attest: 
Clerk

