

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River Water Reclamation District held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Administration Building at 1957 North LaFox, South Elgin, Illinois. Present were President Benjamin Bernal, Clerk/Treasurer Gary Hyman, Trustee Steve Rauschenberger, Trustee Martin McCormack and Trustee Beth Penesis

Staff present included Executive Director Bob Trueblood, Technical Services Director Beth Vogt, Assistant Clerk Kim Narvaiz and Attorney Michael Airdo.

President Bernal called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF BETH PENESIS AS TRUSTEE

It was announced that Ms. Beth Penesis has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Fox River Water Reclamation District. Attorney Airdo administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Penesis.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FY 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bernal made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, that the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River Water Reclamation District be elected as follows: Benjamin Bernal, President; Marty McCormack, Vice President; and Gary Hyman, Clerk-Treasurer. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FY 2023 BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Trustee Hyman made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to appoint the Board of Trustees of the Fox River Water Reclamation District to serve as the Board of Local Improvements: Benjamin P. Bernal, Martin McCormack, Gary Hyman, Steven J. Rauschenberger, and Beth Penesis. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to reappoint Kim Narvaiz as Assistant Clerk for the Board of Trustees. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

ATTORNEY

Trustee Penesis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to reappoint Airdo Werwas, LLC as Attorney for the Board of Trustees. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

RECESS

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to recess the Board of Trustees meeting at 5:37 P.M. and enter into the Board of Local Improvements meeting. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

RECONVENE

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 5:48 P.M. Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Board of Trustees as written.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2022 FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 First Executive Session of the Board of Trustees as written.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 20, 2022 Board of Trustees as written.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Director Trueblood read aloud the cash disbursement totals per fund. Disbursements are: Sewer Revenue Fund \$1,348,047.84, Capital Improvement Fund \$22,569.15, Depreciation & Replacement Fund \$61,926.89 and Corporate Fund \$546,995.78.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

REVIEW OF CONNECTION PERMITS

There were seven Commercial, one Industrial, three Single Family and eighty-six Multi-family permits issued in between meetings. Approximately \$7,700 was collected in connection fees and the others were all prepaid service fees. Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to approve the Connection Permits as issued.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

REVIEW OF CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS

Executive Director Trueblood reported that there were four purchase orders over \$10,000 issued between Board meetings. They are as follows:

- Polydyne, Inc. in the amount of \$22,379 for an order of polymer off the contract pricing. There was discussion regarding increasing the limit that staff can approve without board pre-approval for standard operating purchases such as chemicals. Price increases are pushing normal monthly expenditures above the \$20,000 limit.
- Revere Electric Supply Co. in the amount of \$14,657.83 for point of use Power monitoring.
- Hadronex Inc. in the amount of \$10,205 for a two-year renewal of the Smart covers.
- Visu-Sewer of Illinois LLC in the amount of \$88,400 for the Prairie Path CCTV and cleaning, previously approved by the Board.

FOIA REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE ANNEXATION ORDINANCE 944 FOR 36.586 ACRES BY SCANNELL PROPERTIES #442, LLC FOR A FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to adopt Ordinance No. 944 for annexation of 36.586 acres by Scannell Properties #442, LLC.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SLUDGE BLEND WELL MIXER FROM XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS

Trustee Hyman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Penesis, to authorize the Executive Director to sign a purchase order in the amount of \$28,714 for a replacement blend well mixer from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc.

Trustee Rauschenberger asked if this was a large mixer given the cost. TSD Vogt said yes, this mixer is used in the well that all sludge goes to prior to being pumped to the digesters. It operates continuously to keep the solids well mixed and in suspension. There were no further questions. President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

MOTION TO APPROVE PUMP STATION 38 IMPROVEMENTS AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH TROTTER AND ASSOCIATES

Trustee Penesis made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to authorize Executive Director to sign the Pump Station 38 Improvements Amendment No. 2 with Trotter Associates, Inc.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

MOTION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF REVISED PRETREATMENT DISCHARGE PERMIT FOR ELGILOY SPECIALTY METALS

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to approve reissuing the Individual Discharge Permit for the Industrial User as prepared by staff.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

President Bernal called for a 10 minute break at 6:03pm

RECESS

Trustee Bernal; made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to recess the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:13 P.M. President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

RECONVENE

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:53 P.M. President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

MOTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to give Executive Director Trueblood 10 additional vacation days to be paid out after his retirement in appreciation of his dedicated hard work over the last decade.

There was no discussion; President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

Technical Services Director Vogt reported that there were several important issues covered at the IAWA Mini conference, one in particular being pfas. The State of Maine has placed a total ban on land application of biosolids due to concerns over pfas. There is significant concern about such a bill being proposed in Illinois, which would greatly impact the disposal cost of the District. Current Disposal cost for land application is budgeted at \$400,000 per year. This cost would likely increase by 300-400%, depending on fuel costs, to transport the biosolids to a landfill.

A talk on Cyber Security in wastewater treatment utilities by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency was presented (CISA). FRWRD has already implemented most of the recommendations presented. Additionally, staff had requested the free security audit offered by CISA several months ago and staff recently heard from CISA about us nearing the top of their queue of agencies to work with.

Lastly, staff is planning an open house event on June 30th in honor of Executive Director Trueblood's retirement. More details will be shared as its planned.

STAFF REPORT OF ONGOING STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Technical Services Director Vogt provided a written update on all projects. TSD Vogt commented that there were no major issues on any ongoing projects.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Trueblood reported on several items. Highlights include the following:

- FRWRD has had two employees out recently due to Covid-19 protocols. Both have recovered and have returned to work.
- Staff is working on identifying and drafting revisions to Resolutions and Ordinances that will need to be updated prior to his retirement.
- The March 2022 monthly financial report was provided for Board review.

ADJOURN

As there was no additional business, Trustee Hyman made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to adjourn the May 18, 2022 meeting at 7:01 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 8, 2022. President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Narvaiz, Assistant Clerk

APPROVED:

President

Clerk/Treasurer