

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River Water Reclamation District held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the Administration Building at 1957 North LaFox, South Elgin, Illinois. Present were President Benjamin Bernal, Vice President Martin McCormack, Clerk/Treasurer Gary Hyman, Trustee Steve Rauschenberger, and Trustee Beth Penesis.

Staff present included Executive Director Bob Trueblood, Technical Services Director Beth Vogt, Senior Project Engineer James Kerrigan, Assistant Clerk Kim Narvaiz and Attorney Mark Kimzey.

President Bernal called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTMEBER 14, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Trustee McCormack made the motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Trustee Rauschenberger made the motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Director Trueblood read aloud the cash disbursement totals per fund. Disbursements are Sewer Revenue Fund \$1,603,316.17, Capital Improvement Fund \$44,126.14, Depreciation & Replacement Fund \$331,394.57.

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to approve the Cash Disbursements as presented. 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 five Commercial, two Industrial, and thirty-three Single Family permits issued in between meetings. Approximately \$76,000 was collected in connection fees and the others were all prepaid service fees. Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Penesis, 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 eight purchase orders over \$10,000 issued between Board meetings. They are as follows:

- Polydyne, Inc. in the amount of \$18,975 for a standard order of Polymer.
- Russo Power Equipment in the amount of \$35,969.32 for a new snow tractor and accessories.
- Enhanced Networks in the amount of \$15,877.02 for annual renewals including cloud storage, anti-virus, spam filter and remote access software.
- Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$17,424.94 for our Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.
- Fowler Enterprises in the amount of \$13,850 for the ADP Bldg 20 Cogen Cooling Tower Demo.
- Proline Fence in the amount of \$66,422 for the Pump Station 31 fence extension.
- Enhanced Networks in the amount of \$14,4550 for M365 Exchange Migration.
- Fisher Scientific in the amount of \$16,554.39 for a MicroBlock System with glassware for the laboratory.

All amounts over \$20,000 had been previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

FOIA REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ACCEPT FY2022 AUDIT

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to accept the FY 2022 Audit Reports as presented.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE FY 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Penesis, to approve the FY 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ANNEXATION ORDINANCE 947 FOR 8 ACRES BY BOWES MC, INC. FOR A FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SOUTH ELGIN

Trustee McCormack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to adopt Ordinance No. 947 for annexation of 8 acres by Bowes MC, Inc.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO ORTHO-PHOSPHORUS ANALYZER SYSTEMS FOR \$72,272.00

Trustee Penesis made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rauschenberger, to authorize Executive Director Trueblood approve a purchase order for \$72,272.00 to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of two YSI Alyza units with Filter Module and 2020 3G controller systems. Trustee Rauschenberger asked if there were a lot of manufactures that sell this type of system. Technical Services Director Vogt responded there are two major suppliers and they are Hach and YSI.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AMWINS RETIREE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee McCormack, to authorize Executive Director Trueblood to execute the renewal of the AmWINS policy at the current coverage levels, as presented. Trustee Rauschenberger confirmed that staff is recommending the option where coverage remains the same for retirees. Executive Director Trueblood responded yes.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2022 – NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Trustee Hyman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Penesis, to authorize Executive Director Trueblood to sign the necessary agreements and documents to accept the proposed property and liability coverage with the Terrorism coverage as recommended by staff. Executive Trueblood gave a quick update with the changes that were being made. Cathy Juricic and Daniel Mackey, both representing Alliant, were in attendance and helped explain the coverage to the Board members.

At the conclusion of discussions, President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

MOTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to approve a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 9, 2022. There was discussions regarding what time the interviews would begin and how long each interview would take. Executive Director Trueblood commented that the per the Open Meetings act they will be able to recess the meeting and begin again on the 10th.

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

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

Technical Services Director Vogt presented an update on the PFOA/PFOS issue. At the IAWA Annual Meeting in September, Gary Bingenheimer, Section Manager for the IEPA revolving loan fund, gave a presentation on the status of funding and the additions from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. One area of funding as full grant money is for wastewater emerging contaminants. There is funding for four years in this area with the 2022 allotment at \$4 million. If the state does not find projects to fund with this money, it is lost.

TSD Vogt also presented the Board with new funding opportunities regarding renewable natural gas both federally and through Nicor. As background, FRWRD had to decommission our engine generators a few years ago when they were determined to be beyond repair. Since that time, FRWRD uses as much digester gas in our boilers as possible and flares the rest. Two developments bring RNG to potential viability for FRWRD. One is provisions within the Inflation Reduction Act that allows for direct grant funding toward portions of the capital investment by public agencies for RNG projects. This grant funding varies but could be as high as 40% for FRWRD. Additionally, Nicor has reversed its position on costs for interconnects into their system. Nicor has established a Rate 81 Pilot Program for RNG projects that can provide up to the \$3.2M for the cost of the interconnect into their system. Nicor will allot a total of \$16M to the program

TSD Vogt explained that IDOT provided preliminary design plans to FRWRD for comment regarding their proposed expansion and upgrade of US Route 20. Staff has identified several conflicts with the proposed changes to the bridge over the Fox River. IDOT is proposing to move the bridge support on the east side of the river westward, in conflict with FRWRD's two PS 31 forcemains and our fiberoptic communications cables. Staff has sent a response to IDOT including the existing Easement of Right of Way granted by FRWRD to the State in 1956, which provides an easement over FRWRD property. The easement specifically addresses that the State shall not place abutments or piers to stop the flow of sewage through our forcemains, even if we relocate them. Staff is waiting for a response from IDOT.

Lastly, TSD Vogt commented that the new accounting software Traverse has gone live and so far staff is very pleased with it. Trustee Bernal asked if it is cloud based. TSD Vogt responded no, given all the issues staff had with Oracle and it being cloud based it was decided it would be better to host the software on our own server. Additionally local hosting provides the staff with full control of and access to the database and minimizes annual costs.

STAFF REPORT OF ONGOING STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Technical Services Director Vogt provided a written update on all projects, overall construction is slow right now. Highlights include the following:

- The CSO Structure Rehab project was rebid, and for the second time there were no bidders for the project. Staff thinks the project is too small given the high volume of work available to bidders right now. The work is not NPDES permit compliance driven so staff recommends the project be shelved until the bidding environment improves.
- The Forcemain river crossing project is underway with the contractor and subcontractors on site performing preliminary site and river surveys in advance of mobilization. The initial schedules show the temporary dam structures being installed beginning the week of October 24, 2022, and dewatering work will take place shortly thereafter followed by the excavation for the forcemain.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Trueblood provided a written report to the Board of Trustees including:

- AT&T has indicated they would like to move forward with locating the cell phone tower at the south end of the North WRF. Staff is shelving discussions with them until after the 1st of the year.
- On November 2nd FRWRD will host a hands-on Maintenance Seminar at the ADP WRF from 9am-3:15pm. The event is sponsored by Peterson and Matz and will feature industry experts providing recommended maintenance activities.

RECESS

Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to recess the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 6:32 P.M. President Bernal called for a vote; Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger, Penesis. Nays, none

RECONVENE

President Bernal announced the Executive Session had concluded and called the regular Board of Trustees Meeting back to order at 7:26 P.M.

ADJOURN

As there was no additional business, Trustee Rauschenberger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hyman, to adjourn the October 19, 2022 meeting at 7:27 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 16, 2022. President Bernal called for a vote, Ayes, Trustees Bernal, McCormack, Hyman, Rauschenberger and Penesis.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Narvaiz, Assistant Clerk

APPROVED:

President

Clerk/Treasurer