

Madison County Government
Special Service Area #1
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Committee Meeting
July 6, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

Clint Jones, Chairman called the meeting to order.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Parkinson, Jamie Goggin and Erica Harriss

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah K. Besserman, Attorney, Kristen Novacich-Koberna, Linda Knogl, Dave Parizon, Kathy Gochlan, Scott Weiner, Engineer and Beth Keller and Linda Bone

A motion was made by Jamie Goggin, seconded by Mike Parkinson to approve the committee minutes of June 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A Purchase Request for approval of pump rental from Sunbelt Rentals for heavy storms and flooding in the Arlington Heights area was discussed. It was discovered in research by Deborah Besserman, Attorney, where we had adopted this wastewater pump. A Resolution was approved by the County Board in 2002. Mike Parkinson questioned where the monies are generated to pay expenses in regards to these pumps and that we need a way to track money pertaining to drainage. Jamie Goggin suggested a separate fund be allocated for storm drainage. It is believed that MESD is receiving funding for storm water drainage in tax revenues for the Arlington area. If so, shouldn't that money belong to SSA#1? Deborah Besserman, attorney will do some research and follow up with the committee on any findings. A motion was made by Mike Parkinson, seconded by Jamie Goggin to approve the purchase request to Sunbelt Rentals in the amount of \$10,511.96. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A resolution to renew wireless service from Omni Site Cellular Monitoring Solutions was presented in the amount of \$101,160.00. In discussion Bob Falk, Supervisor explained it's a continuation of the current alarm system. We have been operating on this system for five (5) years. It includes 64, 5 year standard wireless service, (XR50 Units), 2, 5 year standard wireless service, (Crystal Ball Units) and 10, 5 year elite wireless service (Crystal Ball Units). A motion was made by Mike Parkinson, seconded by Jamie Goggin to approve the resolution in the amount of \$101,160.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion continued with the need to purchase or upgrade 12 Omni site crystal ball monitoring units. The cost for the Twelve (12) Omni Site Crystal Ball Units, Set up Programming, Freight and Delivery is \$40,890.00. Total Cost for installation assistance labor is \$3,035.00 for a total of \$43,925.00. A purchase Request or Resolution will be prepared and submitted next month for approval.

For discussion Bob Falk, Supervisor talked about the TV Inspection Truck. At the present time we are unable to log anything or send reports with our current system. Our system is obsolete. We are in need of upgrading our software and our camera. An upgrade will allow us to work with our Information Technology Department in generating reports and data. Updating equipment would be in a range of approximately \$30,000 and a new truck complete with everything would cost approximately \$230,000. Jamie Goggin asked if this expense was budgeted. Mike Parkinson suggested we look at getting some budgetary quotes but it is necessary to take a look at the budget to see where the district is financially. Jamie Goggin and Mike Parkinson both requested a budget review be available at the next meeting.

Also in discussion Bob Falk, Supervisor mentioned the need for a root cutter system. The current one is approximately 25 years old and in need of being replaced. Most particularly a saw blade and tap cutter. Again, the committee felt that a budget review is needed with all the expenses occurred to see where the district is financially. The committee suggested receiving budgetary pricing for now.

The Purchase Order Report was approved with a motion made by Mike Parkinson, seconded by Jamie Goggin. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Mike Parkinson, Erica Harriss, Jamie Goggin and Clint Jones

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The June 2017 Bill List was approved with a motion made by Mike Parkinson, seconded by Jamie Goggin. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Mike Parkinson, Erica Harriss, Jamie Goggin and Clint Jones

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Balance sheet for May 2017 was approved with a motion made by Mike Parkinson, seconded by Jamie Goggin. A roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Mike Parkinson, Erica Harriss, Jamie Goggin and Clint Jones

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Durkin Report was reviewed, discussed and to be placed on file.

Scott Weiner, Engineer gave an Engineer's report as follows:

- The Parallel Force Main at LS #19 (Breckenridge Lane) to increase capacity at that station is ongoing with a schedule in place.
- The Force Main Reroute at LS #23A is complete and final clean-up is underway. A final inspection will be scheduled to close out the project.
- CIPP Pipe Lining Project (Oakmont area). Draft bid package has been complete. CIPP vendors have been contacted for budgetary pricing. Based on the responses, the budget price is \$250,000-\$275,000 range.

Report to be placed on file.

Brian Nottrott, Infiltration Manager, gave a detailed maintenance report outlining a plan with future goals and how some of these have already been implemented. He presented maps to the committee outlining the current development of the GIS mapping system. MCSSA utilizes Information Technology for the current development of this GIS mapping system. He gave a presentation on how the OmniSite GuardDog works in monitoring the lift stations and pump activity. There was very little discussion needed and the report is to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Goggin mentioned moving the committee meeting to a different start time. After some discussion the committee decided the meetings would continue to be the first Thursday, after the first Monday of each month and the time would be at 4:00 in the afternoon, beginning in August 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Parkinson asked for an opinion from the attorney, Deborah Besserman as to what the regulations or rules are in legally placing appointments on the Granite City Regional Board. He indicated there is some confusion in regards to these appointments. The next Regional Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th and asked for some clarity be provided before then if possible.

Mike Parkinson also asked whether or not the district has enough employee's. He further explained that we have an employee that is laid off work and wanted to know the status. He indicated with Kirsten Novacich-Koberna no longer being on the committee, there should not be a conflict in bringing the employee back to work. He asked how many grievances have been filed against the sewer district and requested that list be available at the next committee meeting. Jamie Goggin again indicated that we need to look at the budget and see where we are financially as to whether we can afford to hire another employee. He also feels that we need a full time administrator employed at SSA#1.

PUBLIC INPUT

Beth Keller who lives on Ivy Lane questioned why the County sewer bills are so much higher than Granite City and other municipalities. She explained that she was annexed into Granite City years ago and asked why she doesn't pay a sewer bill to them. The County bills are more than double Granite City. The neighbors in her area are walking door to door getting petitions signed. They want to be removed from our sewer system or for the sewer bill to be lowered. She said the residents paid for the sewer district for years on their taxes and paid a high sewer bill at that time. She was still concerned that her bill was more than double. It was further explained that she is in the County Sewer District and even though she was annexed into Granite City her sewer service did not change. Sewer lines were not moved to accommodate any annexing. Scott Weiner, Engineer advised her to talk to Granite City, perhaps they could accommodate her in providing sewer service within their sewer district.

Linda Knogl mentioned she had talked to residents on English and reported no odor problems in that area. She mentioned that Westgate is still seeping odor, especially around the 4th of July. She asked what the current maintenance schedule is pertaining to LS #23. Bob, Supervisor explained the district would be testing with Evoqua soon. She told the committee she appreciates all the work and effort put into all of the problems in her area. Residents have been suffering for years.

Kristen Novacich addressed the committee as a resident in regards to her being removed from the sewer committee. She indicated she had been informed by email that she would no longer be serving on the sewer committee and no longer on the Personnel Labor Relations Committee. When she spoke to Chairman Prenzler, she felt he was being very personal in regards to her voicing questions and concerns and that other committee members were complaining about her asking questions about the layoff of her husband. She explained to everyone that she was elected to the County Board to be a voice for the residents of Granite City, District 20. And that she had been put on this committee to represent her constituents in the 20th District.

She apologized to everyone if she had come across aggressively. She further explained that now there is only one person, Mike Parkinson who will represent all the constituents in the district. She felt that being taken off this committee is retaliatory for her being on the Granite City Regional Wastewater Board and not resigning. She further said she will not resign. She wants to represent the people and wants to do what is right and that it shouldn't be personal. In closing she wanted everyone to know that she has enjoyed serving on the sewer committee. Jamie Goggin expressed there should be representation from within this district but disagrees that someone outside the district couldn't provide quality service on this committee.

Jamie Goggin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Parkinson. **MOTION CARRIED.**