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Committee Meeting
August 4, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Kristen Novacich called the meeting to order.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: William Gushleff and Helen Hawkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney William Schooley, SSA #1 Maintenance Supervisor Robert Falk, SSA #1 Office Manager Carol Knott, Resident's Linda Knogl and Kathy Goclan.

July 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval. William Gushleff made the motion to approve, seconded by Helen Hawkins. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The recommendation to award the Odor Control Service Contract to Chemco Industries was discussed. Engineer Scott Weiner, along with Supervisor Falk and Office Manager Knott, reviewed submitted bids at length with the end result being Chemco was the low bidder. Their product is concentrated therefore allowing only twenty (20) gallons per day of product to treat the flow from Glen Carbon with the other companies needing one-hundred (100) gallons per day. They also came in much lower on the equipment installation price. SSA will purchase monitoring equipment to insure the sulfides in the system are at acceptable levels. Supervisor Falk expressed concerns regarding the size of Chemco's chemical tanks being too small to service our needs. In FY 2015 SSA spent approx. \$150,000 on chemicals to treat the system. With this service contract in place and only treating seven (7) months a year there is an expected savings of approx. of \$70,000 per year. A motion to accept the recommendation to award the service contract to Chemco Industries was made by Helen Hawkins, seconded by William Gushleff.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Gushleff, Ms. Hawkins, and Ms. Novacich.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Freedom of Information for how Granite City Regional determines their monthly rates was discussed. Attorney Schooley will prepare the documentation for the FOI request and send to Ms. Knott to distribute. Helen Hawkins questioned how we have such an exorbitant bill when at its conception the regional plant was built with enough capacity to sustain the flow from the four entities.

Ms. Knott explained the upgrades in progress at the plant are paid for proportionately from those entities.

The 'Engineer's Monthly Report' updated the committee on the current status of the following projects: Parallel Force Main – Lift Station 19, Force Main Reroute records search is complete, surveying project corridor is completed, and they hydraulic design calculation are completed. The IEPA permit applications are complete and have been submitted to IEPA. Reroute of Lift Station 23A's is basically at the same point as Lift Station 19 project. Generator Installation – Phase 2 project is on hold until the aforementioned projects are complete. The report will be placed on file.

The Balance sheet for June was reviewed with Manager Knott explaining the net loss from the previous month was due to the income being just slightly higher than the Granite City Regional bill. A motion to approve was made by William Gushleff, seconded by Helen Hawkins.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motions to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Gushleff, Ms. Hawkins, and Mr. Roosevelt.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Bill List for July 2016 was presented for discussion and approval. Chairman Novacich noted the high expenses for July and Manager Knott explained the Granite City Regional bill and the purchase of three (3) truck help attribute to the amount. A motion was made by Chairman Novacich, seconded by Helen Hawkins.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Gushleff, Ms. Hawkins, and Ms. Novacich.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Durkin Report for July 2016 was submitted for discussion and approval. Manager Knott questions the validity of Granite City's flow only being up 4.9% and SSA's for being up 39% for the same month. Supervisor Falk stated we will be monitoring the flow ourselves very closely and we intend to meet with Durkin for a detailed explanation on how he arrives at his flow figures from the four entities sending flow to the regional plant. Chairman Novacich wants to be informed as to the meeting date. William Gushleff made a motion to place the report on file, seconded by Helen Hawkins. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Input: Linda Knogl, Georgetown Subdivision Resident, addressed the committee regarding their continuing concerns for the water problems in their subdivision. Linda expressed her

concerns regarding the different flow totals on the Durkin report and Chairman Novacich stated that is the reason for the meeting with Greg Pullman with Durkin. Linda asked if the Durkin meeting was open to the public and Attorney Schooley explained it did not meet the criteria under the Open Meetings Act. She asked what the invoice to Granite City Regional is for July and was told \$153,000 and the new rates are determined every six months. She asked what progress has been made regarding the sewer caps behind Grace Church. Supervisor Falk stated one has already been fixed and we are waiting on one more bid on the second one prior to being able to repair. She asked the status of the Glen Carbon project. She asked about the status of the easements for the LS 19 project and LS 23A project. In the Engineers report the existing easements and the need to acquire additional easements is being evaluated. Chairman Novacich requested Linda Knogl submit her questions to Special Service Area to be answered as a means of saving time during the meetings. Linda Knogl stated she would submit the answers. Linda addressed an odor issue on Westgate and wanted to know if there was anything we can do immediately. She was informed that is what the Odor Control Service Contract will address this issue. Attorney Schooley put on the record that the committee has the ability to limit the time each visitor is allowed for public comment and made the recommendation to adopt the Madison County Board rules permitting each resident three minutes to comment.

Motion to go into Executive Session to address personnel issues was followed with a roll call vote.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Gushleff, Ms. Hawkins, and Ms. Novacich.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon returning to Regular Session a motion was made to approve the 'Memorandum of Understanding Between The County of Madison County and AFSCME Council 31 for and on Behalf of Local 797' regarding a change in the overtime for Special Service Area #1 Craftsman as Supervisor Falk had explained the Craftsman are requesting an extra one (1) hour of overtime for each callout they have to go on after regular business hours. They currently receive two (2) hours overtime and wish for three (3). The additional change requested is the Craftsman on-call (carrying the call-out phone for alarms and/or emergencies) each week receives an additional eight hours pay and four hours compensation. The four hours compensation was to be taken the following Friday. They wish to be allowed to take that additional four hours at any time that it does not interfere with normal operations. A motion to approve was made by Chairman Novacich, seconded by William Gushleff.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Mr. Gushleff, Ms. Hawkins, and Ms. Novacich.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.