

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

MILL CREEK WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Place: Valleybrook Community Church
0N377 N. Mill Creek Avenue, Geneva, Illinois

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance Trustees: James Dougherty, Ben D’Andrea, and Mark Hammond were present.

Others: Karl Ottosen (Attorney), James Sherry (Resident), Robert Struthers (Resident), David Cimmawski (Resident), Jason Fowler, James Hare and Dan Whiston.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

1. and 2.

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL.

The monthly meeting of the Mill Creek Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees (“District”) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Valleybrook Community Church, 0N377 N. Mill Creek Avenue, Geneva, Kane County, Illinois on Thursday, March 19, 2024, by President D’Andrea. Trustee Dougherty, Trustee Hammond, and Trustee D’Andrea were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT. Trustee D’Andrea stated that the Board of Trustees is still operating under the temporary rules posted on the agenda. Jason Fowler advised that there were some emails with public comments regarding concerns with the current billing practices resulting in late fees and three members of the public were on the conference call or physically present at the meeting.

Mr. Sherry questioned when and why the District increased the water rates. He also stated the water quality is poor. The Board advised that rates were last raised in 2012 and the system is aging. Further, previous rate studies were conducted over the years without any rate increases. Public meetings were conducted before the rates were increased. Jason Fowler explained how the District complies with IEPA water quality and testing requirements. Mr. Cimmawski also questioned the significant rate increases. Mr. Struthers expressed concerns about the District’s billing process and its narrow window for payment without being charged a late fee.

3. **LONG RANGE PLANNING.** The Local Government Efficiency Act Committee is aiming for a scheduled meeting in April at Plant on the 23rd. The report needs to be prepared 18-months from June 2023 (due by December 2024).

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

a. Approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Trustee Dougherty to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting; seconded by Trustee D'Andrea.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Approved

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Financial reports, including discussion and approval or disapproval of accounts payable list, treasurer's report, financial statements, past due account payment plans and outstanding invoices. Jim Hare presented the financial reports. Discussion regarding the reports.

Motion by Trustee D'Andrea to approve the financial reports, Treasurer's Report, financial statements, accounts payable totaling \$172,657,10 seconded by Trustee Dougherty.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Approved

b. Operations Report from Sheaffer & Roland and discussion regarding the same.

Jason Fowler presented the operations report. Fowler provided an update on the Well 3 VFD and Automatic Transfer Switch project which has been awarded to Midwest Power Industry with installation pending the completion of Well 2 repairs. Fowler provided an update on the Irrigation Pump Station that Carmody was contacted to proceed with the work on Well 2 was starting Fowler advised that the replacement of the flow meter for the wastewater system has been received, with installation planned for early March. He advised that Well 2 motor replacement work has been completed and is anticipated to be back online the week of February 19. Pump 1 at Lift Station 5 was pulled and evaluated. Fowler advised the Board that several residents have complained about the billing company's processes and the District may want to consider an alternative billing company. The current contract will be reviewed to determine termination provisions.

Motion by Trustee D’Andrea to accept the Operations Report as presented; seconded by Trustee Dougherty.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays:0 Absent:0

Motion Approved

6. CLOSED SESSION.

a. To consider any subject identified as an exception in the Open Meeting Act pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c).

Motion by Trustee Dougherty to enter closed session for the purposes of litigation which is pending and approval of closed session minutes; seconded by Trustee D’Andrea.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Approved

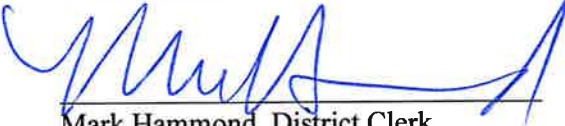
7. ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee D’Andrea to adjourn until the Meeting of April 23, 2024, seconded by Trustee Dougherty and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Approved

APPROVED:



Mark Hammond, District Clerk

CERTIFICATION
OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING

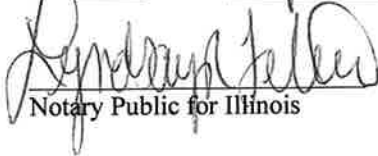
I hereby certify that the attached minutes were reviewed and approved for the March 19, 2024, Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Mill Creek Water Reclamation District.



MARK HAMMOND
DISTRICT CLERK

Date: 4/16/24

Subscribed and sworn to
this 16 day of April, 2024.



Notary Public for Illinois

