

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
DuPAGE WATER COMMISSION  
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008  
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD  
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman S. Louis Rathje at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: T. Bennington, E. Chaplin, T. Elliott, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Zay, and L. Rathje

Commissioners Absent: G. Matthews, W. Mueller, and D. Zeilenga

Also in attendance: Treasurer R. Thorn, R. Martin, R. M. Richter, T. McGhee, M. Crowley, F. Frelka, E. Kazmierczak, and J. Nesbitt

**RECOGNITIONS, OATHS, AND PLAQUES**

Chairman Rathje began the meeting by welcoming the temporary recording secretary, Jenessa Nesbitt. Chairman Rathje also gave recognition to Richard Nolan, Instrumentation/Remote Facilities Field Maintenance Coordinator, for his ten years of service at the Commission.

Chairman Rathje administered the official oath to reappointed Commissioner Allan Poole, Municipal Representative District 5, noting that reappointed Commissioner Mueller was expected to take his oath of office at the September meeting. Chairman Rathje also noted that because former Commissioner Vrdolyak was not in attendance to receive his service plaque, the plaque would be mailed to him.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Chaplin moved to approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Zay and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Elliott moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the July 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Bennington and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Thorn presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2008 which showed receipts of \$5,074,573.00, disbursements of \$4,886,838.00, and a cash and investment balance of \$73,391,049.00.

Commissioner Zay moved to accept the July 2008 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Administration Committee**

Commissioner Hartwig reported that it was the consensus of the Administration Committee to defer, for five or six months, the question of whether to join the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and engage them to perform a procurement management audit. Commissioner Hartwig explained that the Committee did not feel comfortable making a recommendation on the merits of membership or the utility of a management audit until the new Commissioners and new Committee Members were able to get up to speed on current Commission policy and procedures. Commissioner Maio did comment, however, that he felt membership in this organization would be worthwhile.

#### **Engineering & Construction Committee**

No meeting due to lack of a quorum.

#### **Finance Committee**

No meeting due to lack of a quorum.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Rathje advised the Commissioners that in light of the tremendous success of last year's luncheon on water issues, the Commission would be hosting another luncheon for elected and appointed government officials on September 17, 2008, that will feature Dr. Robert Morris discussing his book *The Blue Death*.

The Chairman also reminded the Commissioners about the December 12, 2008, annual holiday Board dinner, noting it was important for the Commissioners to get together in a social setting in order to build rapport among them.

After Chairman Rathje confirmed with the General Manager that the new Commissioners had been given copies of the *Water Wars* book and luncheon video, Commissioner Chaplin suggested that the new Commissioners should view the *Modern*

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*Marvels* DVD on the Chicago Water System that the Commission had purchased or watch for the program to be re-aired on the History Channel.

**MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

None

**SUPER/SPECIAL MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

Commissioner Murphy moved to adopt the items listed on the Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote Agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Maio and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

**Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote**

Ayes: T. Bennington, E. Chaplin, T. Elliott, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Zay, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: G. Matthews, W. Mueller, and D. Zeilenga

Item 1: Resolution No. R-39-08: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Standard Form of Agreement between the DuPage Water Commission and Tank Industry Consultants, Inc. for Professional Tank Evaluation Services in Connection with the Evaluation of the Interior Upper Surfaces of the Two 15MG Concrete Reservoirs at the Lexington Pump Station—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

Item 2: Resolution No. R-40-08: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Sixth Amendment to the Contract for Evaluation, Design, and Bidding of Electrical Generation Supply Facilities at the DuPage Pump Station—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

Item 3: Resolution No. R-41-08: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QR-8/08 at the August 14, 2008, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

Item 4: Resolution No. R-42-08: A Resolution Approving a First Amendment to Task Order No. 4 under the Master Contract with Greeley and Hansen LLC—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Murphy moved to confirm Chairman Rathje's appointment of William Mueller to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for a term expiring April 30, 2010, or until his successor is duly appointed and confirmed. Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hartwig moved to confirm Chairman Rathje's appointments of Commissioners to serve on the Committees, as Chair or otherwise, as set forth in Chairman Rathje's memorandum dated August 8, 2008, for a term expiring April 30, 2010 or until their successors are duly appointed and confirmed. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

General Manager Martin advised the Board that due to budget constraints, state funding for the completion of a water supply study commissioned by the Regional Water Supply Planning Group under Executive Order 2006-01 was cut off, at least until January of 2009. According to the General Manager, the study is being conducted by the Illinois Geologic and Water Surveys, is approximately 75% complete, and \$400,000 is needed before year-end if the study is to be completed using the same resources and personnel. General Manager Martin added that he had obtained a commitment from the University of Illinois to contribute \$300,000 towards the effort if the remainder of the money could be obtained from other sources. Though noting that he is in the process of soliciting contributions from the surrounding counties, General Manager Martin requested authorization from the Board to contribute up to \$20,000 towards funding the completion of the water supply study.

After Commissioner Maio directed the General Manager to encourage the 11 counties involved to contribute more proportionate shares, and General Manager Martin noted that the actual amount contributed by the Commission toward the funding effort would be brought back to the Board for final approval and ratification, Commissioner Murphy moved to authorize an expenditure of up to \$20,000 toward funding the completion of the water supply study commissioned by the Regional Water Supply Planning Group under Executive Order 2006-01. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Before moving on to the next Agenda Item, Commissioner Hartwig requested that General Manager Martin keep the Legislative Committee of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference notified of any funding reauthorization efforts to be made during the next legislative session. Commissioner Chaplin also suggested that the Commission should contact its local legislators to assist in the funding reauthorization

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effort, and General Manager Martin responded that he would send the Board copies of the letters that had been sent to date.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Zay moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,356.65 subject to submission of all contractually required documentation. Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: T. Bennington, E. Chaplin, T. Elliott, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Zay, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: G. Matthews, W. Mueller, and D. Zeilenga

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Maio suggested that all restroom faucets at the Commission be converted to faucets that automatically turn on and shut off in order to conserve water. General Manager Martin responded that the faucets in the men's restroom in the lower basement had already been converted in a trial run and that conversion of the faucets in the other restrooms would soon follow.

Commissioner Maio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Zay and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.