

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DuPAGE WATER COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rathje at 7:40 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and L. Rathje

Commissioners Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

Also in attendance: Treasurer R. Thorn, R. Martin, R. M. Richter, M. Crowley, C. Johnson, T. McGhee, R. C. Bostick, J. Schori, E. Kazmierczak, Rich Roth of CTI Consulting, Elizabeth Fujikawa of Camp Dresser and McKee Inc., and Dave Tucker of Camp Dresser and McKee Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dick Montei of Elmhurst, Illinois attended the meeting to ask the Board to consider eliminating the addition of fluoride to the drinking water that supplies the residents of DuPage County. Mr. Montei distributed to the Board, and read excerpts from, a Del Rio Texas News article dated September 13, 2006, entitled *City removes fluoride from water*, which states there have been numerous research references that link fluoride to higher rates of cancer and other health hazards. Mr. Montei stated that the Del Rio City Council passed a measure to cease the fluoridation of the city's water resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$20,000 per year. Mr. Montei concluded his remarks by noting that removing fluoride from the drinking water supply should not increase the incidence of tooth decay among school age children as tooth decay is currently the No. 1 reason in student absenteeism from school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chaplin moved to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Feltes moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the November 8, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hartwig moved to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2007 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Vrdolyak and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

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All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chaplin moved to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Special Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Maio 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 November 2007 which showed receipts of \$6,603,531.00, disbursements of \$7,781,546.00, and a cash and investment balance of \$85,826,380.00.

Commissioner Wilcox moved to accept the November 2007 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

No report

Administration Committee

No meeting

Engineering & Construction Committee

No meeting

Finance Committee

No meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rathje clarified the business casual dress code for the Commissioners' Holiday Party to be held on December 14th.

SUPER/SPECIAL MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

Commissioner Mueller 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 Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

Item 1: Resolution No. R-71-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Contract Change Orders at the December 13, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

Item 2: Resolution No. R-72-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders under a Master Contract with Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc. at the December 13, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

Item 3: Resolution No. R-73-07: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Fifth Amendment to the Contract for Evaluation, Design, and Bidding of Electrical Generation Supply Facilities at the DuPage Pumping Station—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

After General Manager Martin gave a brief explanation of the request, Commissioner Maio moved to approve the request by DuPage County for waiving the capital cost recovery charge payment for the North Regional Water Facility and the York Center systems until October 1, 2008 and at such time if the systems are still in the possession of the County, charging the capital cost recovery charge effective from January 1, 2008.

Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

At the request of Commissioner Murphy, General Manager Martin gave a brief overview of his need for direction as to the design of the electrical generation and associated facilities at the DuPage Pumping Station. Upon conclusion of General Manager Martin's overview, Commissioner Murphy made a motion to affirm the Board's prior

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decision to continue holding Commission meetings at the DuPage Pumping Station and to direct staff to move forward with the design of the various facilities on that basis, including separating visitor parking from the proposed new covered employee parking area. Seconded by Commissioner Maio.

Commissioner Poole began the discussion by noting that if a fence were to be built along the perimeter of the Pumping Station and the monthly Board meetings were to be held off-site, then the need for additional parking and the proposed office/training facility would be eliminated resulting in a cost savings of about \$3 million.

Commissioner Wilcox agreed with Commissioner Poole and added that the Commission needs to be prudent with its funds due to the water rate increases projected for fiscal year 2008-2009. Commissioner Wilcox also added that the County of DuPage could accommodate the monthly Board meetings at their facilities.

General Manager Martin reminded the Commissioners that previously it was the consensus of the Board to keep the monthly Commission meetings at the DuPage Pumping Station and confirmed the opinion of CTI Consulting that continuing the practice of on-site meetings would not pose a security concern. General Manager Martin also suggested the Board consider hiring a police officer on meeting nights for added security at the Commission's facility.

Commissioner Hartwig confirmed that two separate parking locations (visitor and staff) were needed due to security concerns, at which point he noted that his only question related to the cost involved in covering the proposed new employee parking area and asked for a breakdown of the costs involved.

Facilities Construction Supervisor Bostick informed the Board that the approximate additional cost involved for covering the proposed new employee parking area was \$200,000, with approximately \$125,000 being for the concrete and the balance for landscaping.

Commissioner Maio confirmed there were many uses of the Commission's main meeting room, including monthly Board and operator meetings, occasional customer and manager meetings, and regular staff meetings and/or training. Commissioner Saverino commented that if the Board decided to hold their monthly meetings off-site then, in addition to creating inefficiencies for staff, you ran the risk of an unsecured room, which could be a problem during closed session meetings.

Commissioner Wilcox commented that more details were needed in the cost breakdown of the various components of the project and, as such, Commissioner Wilcox moved to table Commissioner Murphy's motion until more detail was presented to the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Poole and failed for lack of an approving majority.

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Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, A. Poole, J. Vrdolyak, and G. Wilcox

Nays: L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, F. Saverino, and L. Rathje

Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

After concluding the discussion on the proposed design for the electrical generation and associated facilities at the DuPage Pumping Station facility, Chairman Rathje called for a vote on Commissioner Murphy's main motion to affirm the Board's prior decision to continue holding Commission meetings at the DuPage Pumping Station and to direct staff to move forward with the design of the various facilities on that basis, including separating visitor parking from the proposed new covered employee parking area.

The motion was approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: T. Feltes, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, F. Saverino, J. Vrdolyak, and L. Rathje

Nays: E. Chaplin, A. Poole, and G. Wilcox

Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$151,739.73 subject to submission of all contractually required documentation.
Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, L. Hartwig, W. Maio, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, F. Saverino, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: G. Mathews and D. Zeilenga

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After confirming there was no need for the Board to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Murphy thanked Chairman Rathje and General Manager Martin for an outstanding day with Peter Annin on November 14th. Commissioner Murphy noted the great turnout for the luncheon and that everyone will be seeing more water conservation topics in the future.

After sharing with the Board that the community school representatives that attended the luncheon with Peter Annin were already taking an active role in teaching students about the importance of water conservation, Commissioner Chaplin revisited the idea of

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putting together a Water Conservation Committee and asked about the status of the strategic comprehensive water conservation plan that the Board requested in June.

General Manager Martin responded that he met separately with two individuals on water conservation: (1) Jeffrey Edstrom, Senior Project Planner at Geosyntec Consultants which developed a water conservation program for the City of Waukesha; and (2) Mary Ann Dickinson from the Alliance for Water Efficiency and stated that a presentation is being prepared for the January meeting.

Commissioner Mueller noted that the communities have been in receipt of their DVD from *The Great Lakes Water Wars* luncheon and suggested airing it on each town's cable network. Commissioner Mueller also noted that his community referenced the luncheon and its important message in the community newsletter. At which point, Commissioner Hartwig requested that the General Manager prepare conservation material that each town could include in its community newsletters.

After concluding the discussion on water conservation, Chairman Rathje presented Commissioner Feltes with his retirement plaque, thanked him for his years of service with the Commission, and requested a group picture with all Board members.

Commissioner Maio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Feltes and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.