

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
DuPAGE WATER COMMISSION  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008  
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD  
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rathje at 7:39 P.M.

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

Commissioners Absent: W. Murphy and D. Zeilenga

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mueller moved to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Hartwig and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chaplin moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the December 13, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Wilcox and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Vrdolyak moved to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2007 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Wilcox 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 December 2007 which showed receipts of \$7,022,474.00, disbursements of \$4,140,828.00, and a cash and investment balance of \$88,896,842.00.

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

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All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee of the Whole**

Commissioner Mueller moved to direct staff to include the conservation program as discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Administration Committee**

No meeting

### **Engineering & Construction Committee**

No meeting

### **Finance Committee**

No meeting

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Rathje thanked the Board and staff members for a wonderful time at the Commissioners' Holiday Party that was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Rathje then shared how water conservation is becoming a national and international issue and referred to the American Museum of National History, which has a section on resources in connection with water conservation, and asked General Manager Martin to collect information and follow-up.

## **SUPER/SPECIAL MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

Commissioner Mathews moved to approve Resolution No. R-1-08: A Resolution Directing Advertisement for Bids on a Contract for the Construction of Electrical Generation Facilities, Photovoltaic System, and Other Improvements at the Lexington Pumping Station. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: W. Murphy and D. Zeilenga

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Wilcox moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Hartwig.

Discussion ensued starting with General Manager Martin asking for concurrence from the Board as to the water rate increases set forth in the multi-year Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balances. Commissioner Wilcox noted that before discussing the water rate, the Commissioners first needed to agree upon the capital improvement projects to be included in the Plan.

Commissioner Wilcox then referred to page 8 of the Proposed FY 08/09 Capital Improvement Plan and questioned why the cost of the DuPage Pumping Station electrical generator project, which was approved in the FY 07/08 Plan at a cost of approximately \$13,000,000.00, had increased to \$16,226,000.00. General Manager Martin responded that he would need to evaluate the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Poole then referred to the multi-year Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balances and advised that a line of expenditures had been included without designating the purpose of those expenditures but which appeared to be the proposed Capital Improvement Plan project expenditures. Commissioner Poole also questioned whether the allocation of \$26.5MM in expenditures to FY 08/09 was a fair allocation, noting his belief that the expenditures allocated to FY 08/09 were overstated. General Manager Martin responded that he would need to study the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Poole then noted that, depending upon whether the \$26.5MM in expenditures allocated to FY 08/09 was overstated, the Commission had only two options with respect to water rate increases: (1) Keep the water rate for FY 08/09 at \$1.25 and then increasing it to \$1.68 the following year; or (2) Raise the water rate for FY 08/09 to \$1.45 followed by an increase to \$1.68 in the following year.

Commissioner Chaplin suggested keeping the water rate for FY 08/09 at \$1.25 and notifying customers of an expected increase to \$1.68 for FY 09/10.

Commissioner Mathews questioned how the Commission could artificially depress water rates and still encourage water conservation, and stated that the Commission should increase its rates in sync with the rate increases imposed by the City of Chicago.

Though agreeing with Commissioner Mathews, Commissioner Wilcox stated that he was not ready to discuss rate issues until agreement was reached as to (1) the projects

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to be included in the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Plan and (2) the timing of project expenditures. After discussion ensued Chairman Rathje suggested that the Commissioners advise the General Manager of their questions in advance of a Special Meeting to be dedicated to the discussion of the proposed 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Plan. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to tentatively schedule a Special Meeting to be held on January 24, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner Mueller moved to table the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Plan to the Special Meeting tentatively scheduled to be held on January 24, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Wilcox and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Mathews moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$4,988.03 subject to submission of all contractually required documentation. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: W. Murphy and D. Zeilenga

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Before concluding the meeting, Commissioner Poole suggested that the Commission issue a Requests for Proposals for a leak detection program and have the Commission match 50% of the costs incurred by the customers, up to a total Commission expenditure of \$150,000.00, in an effort to get all communities involved in tightening up their systems. Commissioner Wilcox agreed and suggested that Commissioner Poole work with General Manager Martin in developing such a program for inclusion in the discussion at the January 24, 2008, Special Meeting.

Commissioner Hartwig countered that it would be better to include a discussion on Commissioner Poole's suggested leak detection matching funds program when the General Manager meets with the customer communities to compare ideas on water conservation.

Commissioner Maio noted that if it is decided to have the Commission match 50% of the leak detection costs for its customers, then an agreement should be in place with the communities requiring the communities to fix any leaks discovered.

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There being no further discussion, Commissioner Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Maio and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

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