



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF FOX METRO WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT  
HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 2017**

The Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly meeting at 9:30 A.M. in the offices of the District at the Water Pollution Control Plant on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Present were, Trustee Judith S. Sotir, Trustee Michael C. Funkey, Trustee Albert E. Heriaud & Trustee Christopher F. Childress. Also present were Attorney Gregg Ingemunson, Philippe Moreau, Manager Thomas F. Muth, John Frerich from Walter E. Deuchler, Controller Jimmie Delgado, Human Resources Coordinator Patrick Divine, Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Morphey, and Norma Rodriguez.

9270 The bills were presented and read. It was moved by Trustee Funkey that the bills be allowed as read, ratify and approve the checks drawn during the month of February, 2017 in the amount of \$4,624,532.35. Motion was seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bills be paid as presented.


9271 It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for February, 2017 be approved as submitted.

9272 It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the minutes of the February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as published each of the Trustees having received and read copies of said minutes before the meeting.

9273 With no Public Comments, It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Regular Board Meeting be temporarily adjourned for the Committee of Local Improvements.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:35.M.

In the Committee of Local Improvements Manager Muth discussed the Rate Increase. At last month's Board Meeting there was lengthy discussions regarding this matter. A committee was formed that included two members of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Jim Savio from Sikich, John Frerich and staff. A meeting was held and there was discussion with regard to the District's Long Term Control Plan that include six phases and \$262M of construction. The rate increase was discussed to pay for the unfunded mandate. At the end of the discussion it was determined that the District had issued its customers a letter which outlined the mandates and the reason for the rate increases over a ten year period. The committee felt that the



rate study showed the District is financially sound according to its plan and that it needed to continue with the 5% rate increase. Trustee Childress commented that this is something that was discussed and approved a few years ago and this is just a continuance.

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With no other matters to come before the Committee of Local Improvements, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Regular Board Meeting reconvene.

The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 9:45 A.M.

In the Attorney's Report Attorney Gregg Ingemunson presented to the Board for their approval Ordinance No. 862, Authorizing and providing for an Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District User Fees.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 862, Authorizing and providing for an Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District User Fees be approved as written.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District this 22nd day of March, 2017 by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

Attorney Ingemunson presented to the Board for their approval Ordinance No. 863, Approving Annexation of 8.4251 Acres by Vitality SH, LLC, in the Village of Oswego.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 863, Approving Annexation of 8.4251 Acres by Vitality SH, LLC, in the Village of Oswego be approved as written.


PASSED by the Board of Trustees of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District this 22nd day of March, 2017 by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

Attorney Ingemunson presented to the Board for their approval the Revised/Amended Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Ordinance.

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It was moved by Trustee Heriaud, seconded by Trustee Funkey, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Revised/Amended Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Ordinance be approved as written.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District this 22nd day of March, 2017 by a voice vote of 4 to 0.



Attorney Ingemunson presented to the Board to tentatively approve Resolution No. 946 approving of a Grant of Easement with Just Golf, Inc., and approval of the Vacation/Release of Easement by the District.

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Based upon the recommendation of staff It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that Resolution No. 946 tentatively approving Grant of Easement with Just Golf, Inc., subject of the completion of the approval of the owner and final approval of staff based upon Engineer's Report and approving Release of Easement which is a release of the prior Legal Description and the Grant is where the sewer was Actually Built

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District this 22nd day of March, 2017 by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

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Mr. John Frerich addressed the Board with the Engineer's Report. Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 15 to River City Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,710,294.34 for South Waste Water Treatment Facility Project. It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$2,710,294.34 to River City Construction, Inc., for work completed on South Waste Water Treatment Facility Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 12 to Steve Spiess Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$260,156.10, for Waubonsie Interceptor River Crossing Project. It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$260,156.10 to Steve Spiess Construction, Inc., for work completed on the Waubonsie Interceptor River Crossing Project.


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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 2 Whittaker Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$104,958.23 for Building G Improvements Project. It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$104,958.23 to Whittaker Construction, Inc., for work completed on Building G Improvements Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payments No. 3 to Dahme Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$184,068.00 for Chlorination Improvements Project. It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$184,068.00 to Dahme Mechanical, Inc., for work completed on Chlorination Improvements Project.

In the Manager's Report Manager Muth discussed Building P-2 Remodel Project. He outlined for the Board the areas that are in need of updating and explained the process in which they will be performed, the changes that will be made and the



new use for those areas. He added that security was a concern so a camera will be installed outside the building and employees will gain access by punching in their code and other visitors will need to be buzzed in. Manager Muth advised the remodeling will begin next week and the goal is to complete this project in four to six weeks. He also advised the Board that this project is a budgeted item.

The next item in the Manager's Report is the Pantel Business Systems Proposal. The current phone system is outdated and it will need to be upgraded. Manager Muth advised the Board that this is an item that will be revisited in the future and will add it to next year's budget and seek bids.

The next item in the Manager's Report is the Kiwanis One Day Clean Up. Manager Muth advised the Board that on April 8, 2017 the District will be participating in this event. He said this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year the District has participated and advised the Board they are welcome to be involved. Many organizations participate such as Waubensee Community College, Aurora University, East Aurora High School, West Aurora High School and many other organizations come together to clean our community and help the environment. This event will be posted on the District's website.

Manager Muth Also advised the Board that each year the Districts hosts a breakfast at our Field Operations building for members of the communities that we service to help network and learn more about each other's jobs. This has been very successful and it serves as a learning tool for all employees.

Manager Muth said Fox Metro will be publicizing in the website where the next prescription take back event will be as well as add our Building K project for odor control. He also said the District should do some PR for the reduction in overflow system and our record of having 100% compliance with our NPDES permit.

Trustee Childress asked the status of the District's display at Sci-Tech. Manager Muth said it was going well it just needs some adjustment to the different age groups that will be using the display. Trustee Sotir said she has spoken to a member of Sci-Tech and they are willing to do a survey of users to give feedback that the District can use and determine if the display is appropriate for the age group or needs to be adjusted. Matt Woodin said Sci-Tech has also requested for the District to incorporate a game to the display and staff is currently researching into developing a game and added that this will take a little bit of time and resources. Trustee Sotir said Fox Metro's staff did an amazing job and the display is very impressive.

At 10:00 A.M., Manager Muth opened and read aloud bids received for Building J Pump Procurement Project as follows: Drydon Equipment, Inc., Option 1(Pump Procurement only) – Total Bid \$164,500.00; Drydon Equipment Option 2 – Total Bid \$156,890.00; Float Techniques, Inc., - Total Bid \$142,555.00; Metropolitan Industries – Total Bid \$165,482.00; LAI, Ltd., - Total Bid

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\$132,380.00. The Engineer's estimate for this project was \$175,000.00; It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the low bid of LAI, Ltd., be accepted for \$132,380.00 and the bid of Float Techniques, Inc., for \$142,555.00 be held pending specification review by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and Walter E. Deuchler Engineering Staff.

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At 10:10 A.M., Manager Muth opened and read aloud bids received for Contract 1 of the O&M Building Replacement Project as follows: RC Wegmann Construction, Co., – Total Bid \$987,700.00; Lite Construction, Inc., – Total Bid \$887,000.00; H Linden and Sons Sewer & Water - Total Bid \$736,000.00; The Engineer's estimate for this project was \$820,000.00; It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the low bid of H Linden & Sons Sewer and Water, be accepted for \$736,000.00 and the bid of Lite Construction, for \$887,000.00 be held pending specification review by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and Walter E. Deuchler Engineering Staff.

Manager Muth continued with the Manager's Report and gave the Board an update on the South Plant construction. He gave a presentation which outlined the progress of construction.

The walls for the two primary clarifiers have been placed and all the Mechanism systems are ready to be delivered. These two clarifiers are very close to being completed.

The primary pump station is in advanced stages of construction. The roof is installed, the interior has been painted and other work is currently being done to complete the project.

The bottom slab has been poured at the final clarifier and to accomplish this 600 yards of concrete were poured in one day.

Manager Muth advised the Board that there have been some issues during the course of construction, the main one being the pressurized aquifer that was punctured while installing the anchor bolts. John Frerich explained the process that had to be performed in order for the pressurized water to reach an equilibrium. He explained when this issue was discovered and the different options that were considered on how to contain the water. Staff met with the contractor and consultants and they agreed the best option was to change the anchor system that relied on grout for anchoring to a straight mechanical anchor. There were some other minor issues with water still coming through the holes but they were resolved.

Mr. Frerich said due to the unforeseen issues with the pressurized aquifer additional costs were incurred when new anchors needed to be utilized. He

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presented the Board with the extra costs for the new anchors and related charges. Mr. Frerich said he and District staff revised the charges thoroughly and negotiated with the contractor to lower the cost.

Manager Muth requested an Executive Session be held to discuss personnel and any related matters. It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that at the conclusion of New Business of today's meeting, we will temporarily adjourn for an Executive Session

In New Business, Mr. Jimmie Delgado reported that he and Manager Muth presented at the Rotary and it was a great community outreach and Public Relations opportunity.

Maintenance Supervisor Chris Morphey reported the Plant is running well and it helped that we had a mild winter.

Manager Muth said Ammonia levels are below 0.10 mg/l, this is very rare and contributed it to Plant staff doing an outstanding job.

Trustee Childress inquired how the plant did with the high wind and storms. Chris Morphey reported that the wind knocked a power pole down at the plant and the plant lost power to one source. There was a need to tear down one of the fences to allow Com-Ed to enter the premises and replace the pole and restore power.

Manager Muth said District staff reacted very quickly when the plant lost one source of power when the pole was knocked down, they obtained back-up generators to be on stand-by in case the plant lost power to the second source.

Jimmie Delgado reported he is currently working on budgets and will be doing some benchmarking soon. There is also a revenue study coming up with IAWA. The mini IAWA conference will be held in Springfield on March 28<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.


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With no New Business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Sotir, seconded by Trustee Funkey, put to vote and unanimously carried that this meeting be adjourned.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M

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Trustee Sotir announced that in Executive meeting the Board discussed forming a subcommittee with District staff and Trustee Childress to make a decision on the communication received from GEM Energy and agreed there were no decisions reached in Executive Session, therefore it was moved by Trustee



Funkey, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Board Meeting be adjourned.

With no other concerns to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M