

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FOX METRO WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021**

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, April 21, 2021. Present were, Trustee Judith S. Sotir, Trustee Michael Funkey, Trustee Christopher F. Childress, and Trustee Randall H. Brown. Also present were Attorney Gregg Ingemunson (via phone), Manager Thomas F. Muth, District Engineer, John Frerich from Deuchler Engineering (via phone), Assistant District Manager Karen Clementi, Human Resources Coordinator, Patrick Divine, IT Supervisor, Dan Vargas, and Norma Rodriguez.

10777

The bills were presented and read. It was moved by Trustee Funkey that the bills that have been presented and paid during the month of March 2021 be approved in the amount of \$2,283,973.27, Motion was seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bills be paid as presented.

10778

It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for March, 2021 be approved as submitted.

10779

It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote, and the Motion was unanimously carried that the minutes of the March 24, 2021 Board Meeting be approved as written. Each of the Trustees having received and read copies of said minutes before the meeting.

In Public Comments, Trustee Sotir on behalf of the Board congratulated all of the employees who celebrated birthdays in the month of April.

Manager Muth introduced Plumbing Compliance Officer Don Davis. He and the Board congratulated him for his ten years of service at the District. Manager Muth said Don is a licensed plumber and through Intergovernmental Agreements with various communities he inspects all of the water services for them and the District gets reimbursed for

those services. He also inspects all of the Districts sewer services and dig repairs. Don has great flexibility in the Field and the District is fortunate to have him as an employee.

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

The Regular Board Meeting temporarily adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

In the Committee of Local Improvements, the April 24, 2021 Solar Project Event was discussed. Karen Clementi addressed the Board and gave an overview of the preparations and details of the event and reviewed the agenda for that day. A map of the event parking was shown along with the location of the Solar Field where the festivities will take place was discussed. A bus has been chartered to transport guests and tour them around the solar field if desired. Trustee Childress said that it may rain on the day of the event but a contingency plan is in place to hold the ribbon cutting ceremony indoors.

Several political figures have confirmed their attendance. They include; Congressman Bill Foster, State Representative Stephanie Kifowit and State Representative Keith Wheeler. In attendance will also be members of other municipalities such as Aurora, Montgomery and Oswego. Discussion ensued detailing all the specifics of the event.

Trustee Funkey thanked Trustee Childress and his partner at Progressive, for making this solar field a reality. They not only came up with the concept but they led everyone through it and they have done a fantastic job. He would like for Progressive to get credit for this project and it should be displayed on the sign that will be hung at the entrance. The Board also thanked Attorney Ingemunson for all of his help with all of the legal aspects of the project. Discussion ensued regarding how the inception of the solar field and how to make the best use of the vacant property and the benefits the District will receive from this project. Discussion ensued regarding possible future solar field sites on the property.

10781

At 10:00 A.M. Manager Muth opened and read aloud bids received for Orchard Road Grinders as follows: Vogelsang – Total Bid \$55,000.00; JWC Environmental – Total Bid \$79,855.00; Drydon Equipment – Total Bid \$116,000.00; Franklin Miller – Total Bid \$122,725.00. After Discussion and based on recommendation of staff, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bid from Vogelsang for \$55,000.00 be accepted and the three (3) remaining bidders be held pending specification review and approval by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and Deuchler staff to determine the product described in the bid complies with the need described in the specifications.

10782

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

Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

Attorney Gregg Ingemunson Addressed the Board with the Attorney's Report and advised the Board that he has drafted the Complaint against Paschen for the unpaid rent and is waiting for a signature from Manager Muth. Discussion ensued regarding the terms of the Complaint.

Mr. John Frerich addressed the Board with the Engineer's Report and requested approval of Partial Payment No. 21 to Whittaker Construction, in the amount of \$390,024.69 for O&M Building Phase II Improvement Project.

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Final Payment No. 10 to Whittaker Construction in the amount of \$99,119.94 for F Aeration Tanks Walkway Repairs Phase 2.



Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 2 to Dahme Mechanical in the amount of \$589,500.00 for Building K Raw Sewage Valve Replacement

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 6 to Valley Electrical in the amount of \$10,782.00 for Oswego Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project.

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 2 to Frank Marshall Electric in the amount of \$33,719.40 for the Orchard Road Pump Station Electrical Upgrades.

10783

It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Engineer's Report be approved as published and payments be made as requested.

10784

Manager Muth addressed the Board with the Managers Report. He requested authorization to seek bids on a Sewer Televising Contract to be opened May 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting. It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried to authorize to seek bids on a Sewer Televising Contract to be opened May 19, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting.

10785

Manager Muth discussed with the Board the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget for Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and asked the Board to seek tentative approval and authorize a Public Hearing for 10:00 A.M., May 19, 2021 at the Board of Trustees Meeting. After further discussion with the Trustees, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that tentative approval be granted to the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget as presented for Fox Metro Water Reclamation District subject to further information identifying the reason for the proposed budgeted amount and a public hearing be held at 10:00 A.M. at the May 19, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting for final approval.

Manager Muth reported to the Board that Operator Juan Anguiano and Joshua Stork obtained their Class 3 Operators License. He said



this is a great feat for the two young Operators who have only been at the District between 12 and 18 months.

Manager Muth also reported the furniture for the staff in the new O&M Building should be delivered next week.

Manager Muth stated that the Field Department did a great job cleaning the debris at the solar field property in preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday.

Manager Muth reported to the Board that staff was able to move all of the Biosolids from the Plant to the farms in four days. There were a total of approximately 9,000 yards of Biosolids. The District hired extra trucks to accomplish this task and it went very well. Maintenance Foreman Jeff Severson and his staff did a great job.

The next item in the Manager's Report, Manager Muth gave the Board the District's 2020 Energy Savings Summary. He said Fox Metro began the SEM program in 2019. During 2020 the District continued to participate in SEM and worked hard to operate efficiently, achieving approximately 1,772,174 KWh of energy savings. Manager Muth thanked Kevin Boedewig and the rest of the energy team, including Karen Clementi, Dan Rivera, Joel Ilseman, Jose Woger, Martin Conterez, Joel Gonzalez, Jeff Severson, Dan Haick, Miguel Vazquez, Mike Petersen, Chris Morphey, James Wade, and Brandon Stork for their commitment to SEM.

Energy savings resulted from operational improvements. These improvements practices have led to quick and persistent energy savings. They are: \$136,457.00 savings on the plant's electric bill from participating in SEM, \$18,722 combined energy savings (at \$0.01/kWh) and \$1,000.00 milestone incentive check for completion of: Providing updated opportunity Register. The District also saved 1,253 tons of CO² emissions by saving energy

With no other business to come before the Board, Manager Muth requested Executive Session to discuss Personnel, and related matters



10786

At this time it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that this meeting be temporarily adjourned for Executive Session.

Regular Board Meeting temporarily adjourned for Executive Session at 10:38 A.M.

10787

It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Childress put to vote and unanimously carried that the Executive Session be adjourned and resume the Regular Board Meeting.

Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 11:45 A.M

No decisions were made in Executive Session

10788

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 P.M.

R -511