

SOUTHERN CLINTON COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
3671 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
Regular Commission Meeting
January 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hildebrant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Adams, Coss, Cramton, Dymczyk, Hildebrant, Kurt, Ross, Tolliver, Tubbs

ABSENT: Helinski

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Operations Gurski, Administrative Supervisor Mead, Brian Hannon – Moore & Bruggink, and members from Eagle Twp.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kurt, seconded by Adams, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ross, seconded by Tubbs, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

- Regular commission meeting minutes – December 6, 2022 (Approved)
- Jan 2023 communications (Receive and place on file)
- Vouchers 62827-62890, 17235-17246 (Approved)
- Jan 23-01 November 2022 Financial Reports (Approved)
- Jan 23-02 BioWorks Contract – Refer to D&P Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan 23-03 Consideration of S&P Credit Rating Proposal

A credit rating is required as part of the SRF loan processing.

Motion by Coss, second by Tubbs, to authorize the Director of Operations to utilize services from S&P Global Ratings for bond required credit assessment at a cost of \$18,375. Further, to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer funds from the process reserve to the appropriate line item and make the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion carried.**

Jan 23-04 Eagle Twp Communication - Discussion

Members discussed the letter from Eagle Twp. Eagle Twp Superintendent also spoke regarding hypothetical development in their Twp. Members discussed the original purchase capacity as laid out in the Articles of Incorporation as well as ownership of the collection systems. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the motions.

Motion by Tubbs, second by Adams, to seek an independent attorney opinion, utilizing a firm other than Fahey, Schultz, Burzyk and Rhodes, regarding the possibility and process for the potential of providing sewer service to an additional community. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Tubbs, second by Adams, to create an ad hoc committee that includes the SCCMUA Director and the managers from each member municipality, to discuss the plausibility, possibility, and process of sewer service to an additional community. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Ross, second by Tubbs, to task the ad hoc committee with selecting an attorney. **Motion carried.**

Jan 23-05 Plant Expansion Bids - Discussion

Gurski and Hannon discussed the bid opening and what some of the contributing factors were to the higher than expected bids. Mechanical and electrical were super high as well as a misunderstanding regarding bypass pumping. Metal prices continue to increase with another increase expected in July for all components. There is also a labor shortage.

Members discussed the options that the Director presented and where the members were comfortable at awarding the bid. This will help when looking at what can reasonably be cut from the project.

Motion by Tubbs, second by Coss, to proceed to negotiations with the low bidders as allowed by EGLE and SRF to get the total project cost including principal forgiveness below the bond cap. **Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director stated that work was being done on the Equalization Basin pumps to prepare for the project. The new sewer truck has arrived and has already been utilized.

STAFF COMMENT

There were no staff comments.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no extended public comments.

AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENT

Tubbs stated that she appreciated the annual flow report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Coss, seconded by Ross to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Prepared by,

Lisa Mead
Recording Secretary