

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the St. Clair Shores City Hall, located at 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

**Members Present**

Michael R. Gregg, Chair, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, State of Michigan  
Bryan Babcock, City of St. Clair Shores  
Elmeka Steele, Wayne County Drain Commissioner, Wayne County  
Brian Baker Deputy Macomb County Public Works Commissioner, Macomb County  
Joe Rheker, City of Harper Woods

**Others Present**

Kyle Seidel, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick  
Brent Avery, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District  
Marie Tighe, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District  
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech  
Bruce Smith, City of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Elizabeth Barrera, Wayne County  
Greg Tupancy, Wayne County  
Jill Bush, Harper Woods resident  
George McMullin, Grosse Pointe Woods resident

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Rheker moved to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock. Motion adopted.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of February 21, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting**

Ms. Steele moved to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2019 meeting with addition to change the name on the signature page of the minutes to Greg Tupancy, Deputy Wayne County Drain Commissioner. The motion was supported by Mr. Rheker. Motion adopted.

**4. Reports**

**a. Operation and Maintenance Update.**

Brent Avery and Kyle Seidel provided an update on the operations and maintenance of the Milk River Pump Station. The generator's are in place and Rotor Electric's staff is prepared to come in when needed. A flat pad of concrete was installed for the generators which could possibly be used as a parking lot after. The spiral staircase which is used to access the lower level fell off the wall. Brent is taking inventory of the items at the facility that need repair that are not included in the current construction project. The staff is training during wet weather events with dewatering and managing pumps. Mr. Seidel stated the meters have been installed and will be collecting the data tomorrow. Video's and photos of the generators and pump station were provided to the Board.

Mr. Baker moved to receive and file the operations and maintenance report. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock. Motion adopted.

**b. Priority 1B and Select Improvement Project  
Construction Update**

The Drainage District Board received a report from Mr. Tupancy and Mr. Strassburg regarding the ongoing construction project. A project meeting was held today. The staircase will have to be replaced. Tetra-Tech will assist with the plans and specifications. DTE completed the electrical work in the yard. The motor came in for pump #6 and the contractor will have to run various test on it to make sure it's running properly. The next major project is the pier work for the building addition for the chemical storage. Mr. Tupancy went over the status of the construction costs and engineering. Tetra Tech has used approximately 83% of construction through February. Spence Brothers has used approximately 54% through mid-January. Spence Brothers needs to submit a breakdown of items that they can complete by completion date of October 2019. Allowance Authorizations added are #14 Storm Pump #6 additional repairs (pump only) and #15 SCADA System fiber optic cable repair. Balance of Unforeseen Conditions is \$2.9 million. With the additional Allowance and Authorizations the SRF balance has been used up.

Ms. Steele moved to receive and file the report and associated documents. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock. Motion adopted.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A question came up while the incident of the tainter gate raising and the ice flow which caused damage property. Bruce Smith, City of Grosse Pointe Woods raised a question if

Grosse Pointe Woods should continue to be the Drainage District designee for receipt of Public Act 222 claims.

Mr. Rheker moved to approve Grosse Pointe Woods to continue as the Drainage District designee to receive a claim through Public 222. The motion was supported by Ms, Steele. Motion adopted.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**7. Approval of the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice**

The SEMSD Operations and Maintenance (O&M) invoice for February 2019 for \$62,036.07 was reviewed. The Drainage District Board asked for a quarterly report staffing costs.

Mr. Rheker moved to authorize to pay SEMSD Invoice O&M 02-2019. The motion was supported by Ms. Steele. Motion adopted.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident who lives on Moorlan River Road had some questions regarding the activity and noise at the Milk River Pump Station.

**9. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Location**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

**10. Adjournment**

Mr. Rheker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock. Motion was adopted.

There was no further business to come before the Drainage Board; the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

---

Elmeka N. Steele  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

NOTE: The forgoing minutes are subject to Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board approval.