

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2019**

A meeting of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the St. Clair Shores City Hall, Geer Conference Room, located at 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Members Present

Michael R. Gregg, Chair, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, State of Michigan
Mike Smith, City of St. Clair Shores
Brian Baker Deputy Macomb County Public Works Commissioner, Macomb County
Willie Anderson, City of Harper Woods
Ken Ross, City of Harper Woods

Others Present

Kyle Seidel, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick
Brent Avery, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Marie Tighe, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
John Brennan, Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Baker moved to approve the agenda with addition to discuss the absence of Elemka Steele. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion adopted.

Chairman Gregg stated Ms. Steele is on maternity leave and recommends Mr. Baker act as Secretary of the Milk River Board. Mr. Baker accepted.

3. Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2019 meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion adopted.

4. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of May 16, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting

Mr. Baker moved to approve the closed session minutes with minor corrections of the language. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion adopted.

5. **Reports**

a. Operations and Maintenance

The Operation and Maintenance (O&M) update was presented by Brent Avery and Kyle Seidel. Sanitary pump #9 is being repaired per approval at the last Milk River Board meeting. Kyle Seidel discussed the high lake levels and showed pictures of the Milk River facility. The six-inch weir wall extensions are in place and have prevented filling the RTB. The SEMSD staff are utilizing the tainter gates and keeping them closed and will continue to explore different options.

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

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

The Drainage District Board received a report from Russ Strassburg regarding the ongoing construction project. The financial reports of the construction project remain the same from the last meeting. The sludge removal of basin #2 is complete. The blower building is being painted and electrical work is ongoing. Concrete is being installed at the recirculation building. The addition of the chemical storage floor is in place and the contractor will begin to install the block walls. In the screen room of the recirculation station, stop logs are in place and bypass pumping is being utilized. Spence is working on the modifications to the staircase of the Milk River storm well.

Mr. Baker moved to receive and file the construction update. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion adopted.

6. **New Business**

None.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. Legal Update for Priority 1B and Select Improvement Project

John Brennan provided a legal update. At the May 16, 2019 Board Meeting; the Drainage District Board sent a notification to Spence Brothers to provide, in writing, those items to be completed by the substantial completion date. The response from Spence Brothers is a request for an extension of 856 days (until March 2022) and \$6,000 a day in general condition costs. Mr. Brennan recommends denying the request for an extension of 856 days

and the \$6,000 for general condition costs. Mr. Brennan is willing to negotiate a portion of the contract extension concerning the storm pump repair. Mr. Brennan will assist the Engineers to prepare a denial letter and organize a meeting with Spence Brothers Council. A date for mediation will be scheduled. Mr. Brennan recommends Tetra-Tech have a discussion with Commercial Diving regarding their bid for the in-take pipe. The billing dispute with the company who supplied the generators is ongoing.

8. Approval of the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice

The SEMSD Operations and Maintenance (O&M) invoice for May 2019 was reviewed. The May 2019 Invoice totaled \$51,694.65.

Mr. Baker moved to authorize the payment of SEMSD Invoice O&M 05-2019. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion adopted.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Location

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 22, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be located at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Smith. Motion was adopted.

There was no further business to come before the Drainage Board; the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Brian Baker, Deputy Macomb County Public Works Commissioner, Macomb County

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