

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2022**

A meeting of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board was held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, located at City of St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, 48081.

Members Present

Michael R. Gregg, Chair, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, State of MI
Elizabeth Barrera, Deputy Drain Commissioner, Environmental Services Division, Wayne County
Brian Baker, Chief Deputy, Public Works Office, Macomb County
Bryan Babcock, P.E., Director of Public Works/Water, City of St. Clair Shores
Susan Como, Assistant City Administrator, City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Others Present

Kip Walby, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Dianne Schelosky, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Joe Brezvai, State Of Michigan
Greg Tupancy, Tetra Tech
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, motioned to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes for:

a. June 23, 2022, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the June 23, 2022, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Motion passed.

4. Reports

a. Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Walby reported on a rain event that resulted in a capture of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of water at the Milk River. One pump was run during the event. Marter Rd gates were installed in time and operated as needed. The SEMSD has been working with Tetra Tech on the Site Acceptance Test (SAT), the disinfection system remains and they are working towards the final phase. A plumber and electrician will be on-site to finish the project. The warranty is expired. A FOIA request from Titas was received and Ms. Steele, Wayne County, has responded to the request. The doors have been ordered and are expected to be installed by the next meeting. The pedestal replacement project has begun by the aerator and should be completed within a week.

A motion to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance report was made by Ms. Como, Grosse Pointe Woods. Support for the motion was given by Mr. Baker, Macomb County. Motion passed.

b. Priority 1B and Select Improvements Project

Mr. Tupancy reported on the Status Summary. Engineering is billed thru May and the budget is looking good, funds have been shifted without any changes being made to the contract. A large credit will be coming back to the district from the elevator project at the pump house. Spence has been notified that no further pay authorizations will be approved until the credit is applied for the elevator.

The Summary of Allowance Authorizations that have been approved show that there is \$162,685.12 remaining, the credit for the elevator is close to \$300,000. All of the drawdowns on the SRF funds have been requested.

Mr. Strassburg reported that the Site Acceptance Test (SAT) was conducted in July. This goes thru all of the equipment and all of the SCADA systems to make sure they are functioning as designed. They coordinated with SEMSD and were able to test all systems except the disinfection system. Some minor issues were addressed. The disinfection system will be the last to be tested. The Greaser issues, specifically pump #4, have been addressed and the check valves have been removed and the grease replaced. There have been no issues reported since the work was completed, the bearing temperature increases if they are not running properly. The Flushing gate leakage issues have not been resolved yet. There is a leakage issue behind the gate. This issue is to be resolved before final acceptance can be established. This is on the deficiency list.

Spence has requested approval for a Certificate of Substantial Completion as of July 21, 2022. It is agreed that the Disinfection System completion is out of their control, which would warrant some relief on Spence. Mr. Brennan shall be consulted on the issues and discuss reasons to not charge Spence for items that are out of their control. August 15th, 2022 is the date to submit all documents with no extensions. There is \$1.9 million currently being held.

Mr. Gregg will consult with Mr. Brennan who will follow up with Tetra Tech and prepare a response to Spence.

Mr. Strassburg reported on the MPDES Permit. EGLE has sent a draft MPDES permit, which shall be reviewed further before responding. There were no major issues noted in the draft, however, an extension was requested so a further review can be done. The communication process is ongoing and will go out for public notice once the final language is determined. Final completion should be in place by October and the facility should be able to operate within the terms and conditions of the permit. The five-year cycle corresponds with the five-year permit of operation. A new permit is required with the completion of the construction project and at the beginning of the October fiscal year.

A motion to receive and file the Construction Update Report was made by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Ms. Como, Grosse Pointe Woods, supported the motion. Motion passed.

5. New Business

a. Capital Update

Mr. Walby reviewed the FY22 Capital items that have been completed and those still being worked on. FY23 items were also reviewed. Items such as the bubbler pedestals, paving of recirculation driveway, the sanitary pump, pump repairs, landscaping, door replacement, and epoxy floors were discussed.

A motion to receive and file the Capital Update was made by Ms. Barrera, Wayne County. Ms. Como, Grosse Pointe Woods, supported the motion. Motion passed.

b. Date of Site Tour

The date for the Milk River and Recirculation Pump Station site tour is planned for Thursday, September 22, 2022. The tour is tentatively scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow at the Grosse Pointe Woods park. The regular MRIDDD meeting is to be held after at 1:30 p.m. More details are to be decided at the August 25, 2022, MRIDDD meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

a. GPW Inspection Letter and Worksheet

Mr. Walby reported that the doors for the facility have been ordered and are expected to be received by the August 25th, 2022 MRIDDD meeting.

b. Cell Tower Update

It was noted that there was no update regarding the Cell Tower. The negotiations are being taken care of by Mr. Watzka, Grosse Pointe Woods.

7. Approval of the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice

Mr. Walby reviewed the monthly invoice and pass-thru costs as noted in the Board Packet.

A motion to approve the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice as presented was made by Mr. Baker, Macomb County. Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores, supported the motion. Motion passed.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Gregg announced Public Comment and asked for any public participants to identify themselves before making a public comment. No public comment was noted.

9. Next Drainage Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is planned for Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Como, Grosse Pointe Woods, moved to adjourn the MRIDDD meeting. The motion was supported by Ms. Barrera, Wayne County. Motion approved.

There was no further discussion to come before the Drainage Board.
The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



Brian Baker, Chief Deputy Macomb County Public Works Commissioner

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