

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, located at the 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
Patrick Cullen, Division Director, 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
James Kowalski, Director of Public Services, City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Others Present

Kyle Seidel, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick
Kip Walby, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Pete Trombley, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Brent Avery, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Dianne Schelosky, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Sue Como, Grosse Pointe Woods
Heather Toutant, Harper Woods
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech
Moyna Moore, Wayne County
John Brennan, Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cullen, Wayne 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. August 25, 2022, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the August 25, 2022, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Kowalski, Grosse Pointe Woods. Motion passed.

4. Reports

a. Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Gregg reported on the tour of the Milk River facilities that occurred before the regularly scheduled MRIDDD meeting. Mr. Garlin Gilchrist, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, along with several staff members from Lansing and the Governor's office were given a presentation and tour of the Milk River and Recirculation Station. The facilities look great and the vast improvements to the infrastructure were noted. A press release will be forthcoming, as well as a segment that is to show on Channel 7 news.

Mr. Trombley reported that there were very few rain events since the last meeting. All water was able to be contained in the wet well and tunnel. There have been only two discharges this year. Staff spent last Thursday in SCADA training which was conducted by Perceptive, per contract specifications. The training was video recorded, and binders were distributed.

Kennedy Industries returned a sanitary pump that was out for repair. In month or so, another pump will be sent out to be refurbished.

Rotor was on site to help complete items on the deficiency list. They restored electrical power to the small garage as well as replaced a LED light fixture in the storm well. A fallen tree was also removed from the river before it reached the retainer gate.

Mr. Walby noted that a letter was received from JCI, chemical prices have increased to \$2.26, which is up from \$0.78 about two years ago. It was also noted that the doors are being delivered and installed as they are received. The painting has been completed at the retainer gates. Photos were shown on screen.

A motion to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance report was made by Mr. Cullen, Wayne County. Support for the motion was given by Mr. Kowalski, Grosse Pointe Woods. Motion passed.

b. Priority 1B and Select Improvements Project

Mr. Strassburg reported on the construction update. He noted the SCADA training that occurred on September 15th and 16th was completed and this was the last item remaining for substantial completion. Final completion still has several items outstanding. The elevator credit adjustment is still being reviewed. Tetra Tech will issue a certificate to agree to the completion of the substantial completion date. This will be the date that the Substantial Completion penalties will cease. Penalties will continue to accumulate for the Final Completion deadline.

Mr. Strassburg noted that there were no changes to the financial reports.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Building Permit and Cross Connection Study report states they will do the Cross-Connection study and submit the report, the cost is \$2,500. Mr. Strassburg requested a copy of a sample report, to follow the format. This could be added as an amendment to the existing Construction Engineering Budget.

Cross Connection Study reports are tied to capital improvements. The Backflow Preventor study is done periodically. The two studies may be able to be completed together on September 30, 2022, by Hydrocorp. This would then be passed thru as Operations and Maintenance costs. This item is tabled until the October MRIDDD meeting.

The Backup Generator Study is in draft form to be reviewed with the SEMSD.

The Performance Certification Study (PPC) Study was started earlier this year and has been monitored since, the study ends on September 30th, 2022. EGLE may not be satisfied with the limited number of events that occurred to finalize their approval. This may have to be continued due to a lack of monitored rain events.

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

5. New Business

a. October Tour Date

The October 27th tour of the Milk River facility shall start at 10:00 a.m. at 1190 Parkway Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

The MRIDDD meeting will follow this tour and is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., at St. Clair Shores City Hall.

Mr. Walby requested an RSVP from the communities.

Unfinished Business

a. GPW Inspection Letter & Worksheet

Mr. Walby reported that the doors and the Cross Connection Study are in the process of being completed. SEMSD is working with Grosse Pointe Woods to finish all items, hopefully by the October 27th, 2022, MRIDDD meeting.

b. Cell Tower Update

Mr. Brennan noted that the amendment to the lease has been executed. It will be some time before the work is completed. Mr. Watza negotiated a \$500 per month increase to the contract and is working out the details with AT&T to clarify responsibilities for the roof structure. It was noted that there is an auto-renewal for the contract which extends until 2027.

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. Cullen, Wayne County. Mr. Baker, Macomb County, supported the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Moore discussed Wayne County holding two to three months of invoices for the SEMSD and AEW due to the change in the Fiscal Year accounting. It was noted that the change in the September Fiscal Year ending to the June Fiscal Year ending warranted an estimation of payment for the Milk River fund. Some items did not align for payment, most specifically in the Miscellaneous Contractual Service portion. This is currently in the approval process and payment should be available by mid-October. This is the first year of the change in Fiscal Year and the estimates will be adjusted in the future. The June, July, and August invoices amount to \$326,844.34 for Operations & Maintenance. Ms. Moore noted that the projection will be adjusted to a higher amount for the next payments and going forward. Additionally, it was noted that the true-up for the Central Service Chargeback numbers also did not align due to the change in Fiscal Years, a final report may be available in October or November.

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. Closed Session

A motion to enter a closed session for purposes of discussing confidential materials and to receive advice from Attorney Brennan was made by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Support was given by Mr. Cullen, Wayne County. Motion passes. The Board entered a closed session at 2:36 p.m.

The Chair, Mr. Gregg, declared the MRIDDD meeting to be in open session at 3:09 p.m.

10. Next Drainage Board Meeting

A tour of the Milk River facility is planned for Thursday, October 27, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Participants are to meet at the Milk River Retention Treatment Basin, 1190 Parkway Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is planned for Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. This meeting will be held at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Cullen, Wayne County, moved to adjourn the September 22, 2022, MRIDDD meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Motion approved.

There was no further discussion to come before the Drainage Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 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.