

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2023**

A meeting of the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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
Elmeka Steele, Esq., Wayne County Drain Commissioner, 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
Heather Toutant, Deputy Director of Public Services, City of Harper Woods

Others Present

Kyle Seidel, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick
Kip Walby, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Pete Trombley, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Dianne Schelosky, Southeast Macomb Sanitary District
Sue Como, City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Jessica Kenyon, Wayne County
Greg Tupancy, Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Steele, Wayne County, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes for:

a. February 23, 2023, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2023, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Motion passed.

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2023, *Closed Session*. Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores, supported the motion. Motion passed.

4. Reports

a. Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Trombley provided an update on the Operation and Maintenance of the facility. There was a discharge on February 27, 2023. This wet weather event produced .93 of an inch of rain. All compliance numbers were within limits. 8.8 million gallons of water were discharged. A few days before this event there was

another wet weather event that was just over an inch and was contained. A few smaller captures have taken place over the past few weeks as well. Mr. Trombley provided an update on the refurbished recirculation pumps. Thru troubleshooting, a check valve was found to not be working and the issues are being addressed. They are moving forward with the removal of the old recirculation pump and refurbishing of the pumps. April 14th, 2023, is the set date for Kennedy Industries to install the refurbished pump. The intake grate was shown and is cleared of all debris. The sanitary pumps were discussed. They will be removing one pump to be sent in for refurbishment and swapping it out for an already refurbished one.

An increase in the price of Sodium Hypochlorite was noted to take place effective April 6, 2023.

The SEMSD team has been busy working on cleaning out the bar grates, rainbow rack and storm well screens.

There have been some issues with birds nesting in the doors at the pump house. Wires and brackets have been installed to deter the birds.

A few homeowners in the area have requested tours of the facility which was facilitated during a non-operational time.

Door hangers were made to alert the homeowners when the river would be pumped down, the notices were shown to the board. This is not expected to take place until early next winter.

The SEMSD Board approved the new building proposal, and the construction is expected to begin this summer and is expected to take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

A motion to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance report was made by Ms. Steele, Wayne County. Ms. Toutant, Harper Woods, supported the motion. Motion passes.

b. Priority 1B and Select Improvements Project

Mr. Tupancy reported that there has been no work performed by Spence, and therefore no construction update to report.

Tetra Tech is billed thru the end of February and is currently under budget.

Spence has submitted no invoices, and nothing is expected to be submitted until the mediation agreement is worked out.

There has been no change in Allowance Authorizations since last month. The PCO has been prepared and approved per mediation. Spence will give the board a credit back under the mediation agreement, on the inspection work for the bridge and they will receive money towards excavation of the area of the bridge to complete concrete work. This amount is \$606. There should be money left over in the unforeseen allowance.

A motion to receive and file the Construction Progress Update Report was made by Mr. Baker, Macomb County. Ms. Steele, Wayne County, supported the motion. Motion passed.

5. New Business

a. PPC

No update was available for the PPC report. This will be added to the April agenda.

b. Generator

No update was available for the Generator report. This will be added to the April agenda.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the board.

7. Approval of the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice

Mr. Walby reviewed the monthly invoice and pass-thru costs as presented in detail in the Board Packet. The expenses remain within budget.

The Garage Roof replacement project that was put out for bid came in at \$13,000, within the authorized spending limit of \$20,000. The project is expected to be completed in May 2023 and will be done by Premier Builder.

A motion to approve the SEMSD Operations and Maintenance Invoice as presented was made by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Ms. Steele, Wayne County, supported the motion. Motion passes.

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

An update on the mediation negotiations was given by Ms. Steele, Wayne County, and Mr. Gregg, Chairman. Closed Session did not occur. An email from Mr. Brennan was reviewed as well as a draft agreement. It was noted that progress is being made and the details are still being worked out. More details will be provided at the April 27th, 2023, meeting.

10. Next Drainage Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is planned for Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to be held at St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Toutant, Harper Woods, moved to adjourn the March 23, 2023, MRIDDD meeting. The motion was supported by Ms. Steele, Wayne County. Motion approved.

There was no further discussion to come before the Drainage Board.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



Brian Baker, Chief Deputy Macomb County Public Works Commissioner

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