

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2023**

A Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board meeting was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081.

Members Present

Michael R. Gregg, Chair, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, State of MI
Elmeka N. Steele, Esq., Wayne County Drain Commissioner, Wayne County
Daniel Acciavatti, Deputy Director of Public Works, Macomb County
Bryan Babcock, P.E., Director of Public Works/Water, City of St. Clair Shores
Heather Toutant, Director of Public Works, 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
Greg Tupancy, Tetra Tech
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Steele, Wayne County, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was supported by Ms. Toutant, Harper Woods. Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes for:

a. July 20th, 2023, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting

Mr. Acciavatti, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the July 20th, 2023, 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. Trombley provided an update on the Operation and Maintenance of the facility, noting that there has been an above-average amount of rainfall in July resulting in over 5 inches of rainfall in the district, all of which was captured. August in the district has so far been very busy with rainfall. On August 3, 2023, 1/3rd of an inch was received which was kept in in-system storage. On August 6th, 2023, 8/10th of an inch of rain was received resulting in 14 million gallons of a treated capture. Another rain event on August 14th

brought in a ½ inch of rain resulting in in-system storage. Three days later, on August 17th, another ½ inch of rain was received and stored. On August 23rd and 24th, 2 ¼ inches of rain was received in the district, resulting in 56.8 million gallons of discharge. The basin is at capacity.

It was noted that recirculation pump number one faulted out last week, due to a bad float. This has been repaired and is back in working condition. The grit and sanitary pumps that are out for repair should be completed within the next couple of weeks, bringing them back to full working capacity.

On August 6th, 2023, a primary leg of DTE power was lost. The transformer was down for 36 hours, due to an equipment failure. They were able to operate the pumps with the backup generator.

It was also noted that 4,000 gallons of chlorine have been used for the rain events, and all compliance numbers have been met.

Mr. Seidel reported that there has been 3-5 less inches of rain than the average received in the Great Lakes Watershed. Lake St. Clair is 21 inches lower this July than it was during the record high in 2019.

A motion to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance report was made by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Ms. Steele, Wayne County, supported the motion. Motion passes.

b. Priority 1B and Select Improvements Project

Mr. Tupancy reported that it has been quiet, with no new reports. Spence has 100 days to complete the items per the mediation agreement. The agreement was signed on July 21st. October 29th is the 100-day mark for completion. The ultimate deadline would be the end of December 2023. It was noted that November would be the preferred time range for the work to be done, this would be better for the operation of the facility.

The status report for the construction contract had no change. Tetra Tech has their invoices in through the end of June. There is some additional funding that may be needed due to the extension of the contract. One area of concern is the As-Built drawings. The work has gone past the support date of the version of the CAD software that was used to create the drawings. Mr. Strassburg is working on a plan to get around this issue.

The summary of the Allowance Authorization was reviewed. They are waiting for Spence to submit a PCO for the excavation work, then will be working on the paperwork to close out the contract.

It was noted that the SRF loan has a 6% contingency in it, as they approve spending, they draw from it. The final paperwork is to be submitted and a credit will be coming back on the last balancing change order.

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

5. New Business

a. PPC

Mr. Strasburg reported that they are still working on the Project Performance Certification. The report is due on September 28, 2023. A draft will be given to the SEMSD for their review by September 8, 2023. Once reviewed, the SEMSD will return the report and comments to Tetra Tech by September 15, 2023. The report should then be ready for submission to EGLE by September 28, 2023. The final PPC report will be presented to the board at the September 28, 2023, MRIDDD meeting.

Ms. Steele, Wayne County, made a motion to authorize Tetra Tech, on behalf of the MRIDDD, to submit the final PPC report to EGLE on or around Friday, September 22, 2023. Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores, supported the motion. Motion passed.

b. Generator

Mr. Strassburg noted that the generator report is being reviewed. More information will be presented at the September 28, 2023, meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no report under Unfinished Business.

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 larger expense items included in the pass-thru report were the capital carryover projects. These included the driveway replacement project, the Milk River SCADA upgrade, and the Roof replacement at the Milk River garage. It was noted that the SEMSD packet reports were updated to align better with the Wayne County financial reports.

A motion to approve the O&M invoice for \$223,252.57, as presented in the board packet, was made by Ms. Steele, Wayne County. Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores, 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.

Mr. Walby gave a brief report on the vast history of Blossom Heath Park as well as the many improvements and updates that have taken place to the park, marina, and buildings. Most recently, the extension of the pier, which is now the longest pier in Lake St. Clair. The many events that are held at the park were also noted, including Farmers Markets and the Christmas Nights of Lights.

9. Next Drainage Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is planned for Thursday, September 28th, 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.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Acciavatti, Macomb County, moved to adjourn the August 24th, 2023, 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 was adjourned at 10:49 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.