

**MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2023**

A Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage Board meeting was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, 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 N. 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, 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
Jim Kowalski, City of Grosse Pointe Woods
Russ Strassburg, Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes for:

a. November 30, 2023, Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District Board Meeting

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, moved to approve the minutes for the November 30th, 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. Walby noted that there have been 1-2 rain events since the last meeting with nothing going into the basin. A price increase notice was received from Jones Chemical. The cost of Sodium Hypochlorite will increase from \$2.30 to \$2.36, effective January 1, 2024.

Photos of the new SEMSD building were shown. Progress is being made with the construction.

Safeway Environmental has done an excellent job in the removal of sediment from the basin. All sediment has been removed; the amount is estimated to be around seventy yards. The de-water and grit pumps are now clean of debris. This debris will be taken to the Mt. Clemens Wastewater facility for treatment, it will then be sent to the landfill.

It was noted that the Recirculation pumps have been turned off and will resume on March 1st, 2024. End-of-the-year maintenance is being performed and the repairs to the flushing gates are going well. The weather has cooperated which has expedited the repair process. Updated photos were shown of this process.

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, made a motion to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance report. Ms. Steele, Wayne County, supported the motion. Motion passes.

b. Priority 1B and Select Improvements Project

Mr. Strassburg noted that the flushing gate repair project is going well. The grinding in basin #2 is complete and they will be re-installing the gates shortly. Tetra Tech will be on-site to ensure proper installation.

There has been no change in the financial reports, and no invoices have been received from Spence. Tetra Tech will be submitting an invoice through the end of November.

It was noted that the contracts for Tetra Tech and Spence end on December 31, 2023. A request for a six-month extension of the contract was made for the work that needs to be finished and to cover any issues that may arise.

Mr. Baker, Macomb County, motioned to authorize the extension of the Tetra Tech Engineering Services contract for six months, June 30, 2024, and to extend the budget, not to exceed \$50,000. This motion also authorizes the Chair, Mr. Gregg, to sign the contract extension. Ms. Steele, Wayne County, supported the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Gregg noted he will contact Mr. Brennan to reach out to Spence's attorney with concerns regarding the contract extension, final payment arrangements, insurance, and bond coverage which may terminate on December 31, 2023, with the end of the contract.

It was also acknowledged that Mr. Tupancy did an excellent job with the letter to EGLE. It was informative and well done. There has been no response to date from EGLE.

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

5. New Business

There was no report under New Business.

Unfinished Business

a. Generator

Mr. Strassburg noted that they are still working on the report for the Generator Project. Progress is being made and they hope to have a presentation at the January 25th, 2024, meeting.

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. It was noted that the budget is 46% spent through November.

A motion to approve the O&M invoice for \$78,028.61 was made by Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores. Mr. Baker, Macomb 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 attendance or comment was noted.

9. Next Drainage Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is planned for Thursday, January 25th, 2024, 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

Ms. Toutant, Harper Woods, moved to adjourn the December 14th, 2023, MRIDDD meeting. Mr. Babcock, St. Clair Shores, supported the motion. Motion approved.

There was no further discussion to come before the Drainage Board.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 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.