



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FOX METRO WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
HELD WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2017**

The Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly meeting at 9:30 A.M. in the offices of the District at the Water Pollution Control Plant on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Present were, Trustee Judith S. Sotir, Trustee Albert E. Heriaud & Trustee Christopher F. Childress. Also present were Attorney Gregg Ingemunson, Manager Thomas F. Muth, John Frerich and Karen Clementi from Walter E. Deuchler, Controller Jimmie Delgado, Human Resources Coordinator Patrick Divine, Operations Supervisor, Joel Ilseman, Plant Manager Matt Woodin, and Norma Rodriguez.

10067 The bills were presented and read. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud that the bills be allowed as read, ratify and approve the checks drawn during the month of June, 2017 in the amount of \$6,435,652.69. Motion was seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bills be paid as presented.


10068 It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for June, 2017 be approved as submitted.

10069 It was moved by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the minutes of the June 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be approved as published each of the Trustees having received and read copies of said minutes before the meeting.

10070 With no Public Comments it was moved by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Heriaud, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Regular Board Meeting be temporarily adjourned for the Committee of Local improvements.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:35.M.

In the Committee of Local Improvements Manager Muth gave a presentation regarding the Green Initiatives at the District. Manager Muth said the presentation will give an overview of the background, planning and projects that have been completed as part of the Green Initiative. These projects include 2015 Prairie Plantings behind Building T, 2016 Bioswale at North Avenue in Aurora, 2017 Orchard Road Pump Station and Compensatory Storage and also 2017 Shrub Plantings at East Fence Line and H-5 Clarifier.



Manager Muth explained that the purpose of the Green Initiative is to restore existing open space to natural environment, emphasizing native plants. This project is also to encourage natural wildlife to propagate and demonstrate environmental awareness to the public, especially during tours of the Plant. The goal is to redistribute staff hours to more impactful tasks, especially when the South Waste Water Treatment Facility is complete.

Manager Muth's presentation emphasized the native plants that are found naturally in the Plant's local ecosystems that were not introduced by human interference. He said other goals of the projects are to have lower maintenance, be environmentally friendly, be aesthetically pleasing and it will meet multiple purposes for Fox Metro.

The District has formed a REBELS (Restore, Educate, Beautify, and Enhance Landscapes) Committee. This committee consists of Fox Metro and Deuchler employees who volunteer their time to work on this project. This Committee was formed in 2015 and they identify open areas and create specific and appropriate landscaping solution for each area. This also created a good bonding and team building relationship.


Manager Muth's presentation included a map of the Wastewater Treatment Plant planting areas along with a project list that included approximately 17.8 acres that is proposed to be planted.

Manager Muth advised the Board that the project began in the Fall of 2015 with Building T. Selected areas were tilled and planted with native seed. Effluent was used to irrigate the areas until growth was established. All the work was completed in house by employees who volunteered. After establishments, the areas are mowed once or twice a year. Manager Muth presented the Board with a list of the seed mix that was used.

The presentation illustrated images of how the areas looked before planting and after planting in late summer of 2016. The images from 2017 illustrated a more dense growth.

Manager Muth said the City of Aurora has a lot of experience with these types of projects and Fox Metro entered into a partnership to help complete the North Avenue Pumping Station Bioswale project. He explained that Fox Metro, City of Aurora and the Sierra Club received a grant to complete similar types of projects. The presentation included images of different stages of project which included images of the excavation, plantings and completed project.

Another project was the Orchard Road Pump Station Landscaping. There were illustrations of before and after plantings. Manager Muth also gave an overview of the Orchard Road compensatory storage area and reported that it now contains water, which is what it was constructed to do.



In the Spring of 2017 the committee planted shrubs in hot spots from 2016 odor complaints. These areas were identified and made those areas a priority. The goals of planting these are to address odor, reduce maintenance, and improve aesthetics to neighbors. Manager Muth listed the different types of shrubs that were used and their purpose. He explained that it took two days to plant the 150 shrubs and it created a good team bonding between the volunteers from the various departments who participated.

This project created many environmental and social benefits, it also created public relations. It is cost effective, aesthetically pleasing and it will also help keep the geese away from the river.

Trustee Sotir said she would like to see this on Fox Metro's website and also now that the plantings are growing a thank you letter should be sent to the City of Aurora and the Sierra club for the collaboration and partnership on this project.

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With no other matters to come before the Committee of Local Improvements, it was moved by Trustee Heriaud, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Regular Board Meeting reconvene. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 9:52 A.M.

Attorney Ingemunson addressed the Board with the Attorney's Report and requested approval to hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 A.M., August 23, 2017 at the Board of Trustees Meeting regarding the requested approval of legislation by General Assembly authorizing the unit of local government to acquire the property by Eminent Domain using "quick-take" powers under the Eminent Domain Act.

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Mr. John Frerich addressed the Board with the Engineer's Report. Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 19 to River City Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,419,988.09 for South Waste Water Treatment Facility Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$3,419,988.09 to River City Construction, Inc., for work completed on South Waste Water Treatment Facility Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 4 to Michels Pipe Services, in the amount of \$111,763.80 for 2016 CIPP Interceptor Lining Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and

unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$111,763.80 to Michels Pipe Services, for work completed on the 2016 CIPP Interceptor Lining Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 4 to Kane County Excavating, in the amount of \$56,355.00, for Orchard Road Compensatory Storage Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$56,355.00 to Kane County Excavating, for work completed on the Orchard Road Compensatory Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 6 to Whittaker Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,085,595.00 for Building G Improvements Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$1,085,595.00 to Whittaker Construction, Inc., for work completed on Building G Improvements Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payments No. 3 to R.C. Wegman Construction, in the amount of \$229,984.00 for Building W Water system Improvements Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$229,984.00 to R.C. Wegman Construction, for work completed on Building W Water system Improvements Project.

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Mr. Frerich requested approval for Partial Payment No. 1 to H. Linden & Sons Sewer & Water, Inc., in the amount of \$384,632.01 for O & M Building – Phase 1 Improvements Project. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that payment be made in the amount of \$384,632.01 to H. Linden & Sons Sewer & Water, Inc., for work completed on O & M Building – Phase 1 Improvements Project.

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Manager Muth addressed the board with the Manager's Report and requested authorization to seek bids for Building J and J2 Pump Installation Project to be opened at 10:00 A.M., September 13, 2017 at the Board of Trustees Meeting. It was moved by Trustee Heriaud, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried to seek bids for Building J and J2 Pump Installation Project with a bid opening at 10:00 A.M., September 13, 2017 at the Board of Trustees Meeting.

At this time Trustee Sotir congratulated all the Fox Metro employees who celebrated birthdays in the month of July.

At 10:00 A.M., Manager Muth opened and read aloud bids received for Clarifier D3 Rehabilitation Project as follows: Manusos General Contracting – Total Bid \$449,000.00; Whittaker Construction – Total Bid \$269,150.00; River City

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Construction - Total Bid \$314,000.00; Lite Construction – Total Bid \$479,777.00 The Engineer’s estimate for this project was \$450,000.00; It was moved by Trustee Heriaud, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the low bid of Whittaker Construction, be accepted for \$269,150.00 and the bid of River City Construction for \$314,000.00 be held pending specification review by Fox Metro Water Reclamation District and Walter E. Deuchler Engineering Staff.

The next item in the Manager’s Report was the Phone System Bids. Manager Muth stated that last month there were bids for the new Phone System and it was left that staff would review all bids to ensure that all bidders met all of the specifications of the project. IT Supervisor Dan Vargas and Manager Muth reviewed all the bids with Attorney Boyd Ingemunson and the three lower bidders did not meet the specifications necessary for various reasons. The fourth low bidder was Pantel at \$72,685.00. Staff recommends that the bid from Pantel be accepted. At this time Manager Muth asked for a motion to accept the bid of Pantel for \$72,685.00 for new Phone System.

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It was moved by Trustee Heriaud, seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bid of Pantel be accepted in the amount of \$72,685.00 for the new Phone System.

The next item in the Manager’s Report is Solar Update. Manger Muth stated that Mr. John Frerich along with his staff have been very busy with this project. Mr. Frerich reported that 23 letters of interest have been received. Two or three have indicated that they will be giving proposals. Mr. Frerich has issued two different addenda requesting clarifications. There have been some very good inquiries. Proposals are due July 31, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., at Fox Metro. Once all proposals have been received, they will be reviewed. All proposers have been given a large variety to be creative and to have alternatives that the District can select. They are looking for the best financial proposal to the District. Trustee Childress said there is a value to keep it at 2KW and we want to optimize the District’s position by having them recommend the best solution. There may be the need to add an addendum to clarify that point.

Operations Supervisor Joel Ilseman reported that the Plant is running well.

Controller Jimmie Delgado reported finances are good.

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With no New Business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Heriaud seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that this meeting be adjourned 10:15 A.M

No Executive Session this month