

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FOX METRO WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
HELD WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2021**

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, June 23, 2021. Present were, Trustee Judith S. Sotir, Trustee Michael Funkey, Trustee Dave Krahn (via phone) and Trustee Randall H. Brown (via phone). Also present were Attorney Gregg Ingemunson, District Manager Thomas F. Muth, District Engineer, John Frerich from Deuchler Engineering. Assistant District Manager Karen Clementi, Human Resources Coordinator, Patrick Divine, IT Supervisor, Dan Vargas, and Norma Rodriguez.

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The bills were presented and read. It was moved by Trustee Funkey that the bills that have been presented and paid during the month of May 2021 be approved in the amount of \$2,910,179.90, Motion was seconded by Trustee Childress, put to vote and unanimously carried that the bills be paid as presented.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report for May, 2021 be approved as submitted.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote, and the Motion was unanimously carried that the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Board meeting be approved as written. Each of the Trustees having received and read copies of said minutes before the meeting.

In Public Comments, Trustee Sotir on behalf of the Board congratulated all of the employees who celebrated birthdays in the month of June.

The Board congratulated District Manager, Tom Muth for his 35 years of service at the District. They expressed their gratitude for his dedication to his job, the District and his employees. Through his leadership at the District, he has successfully helped Fox Metro be the



third largest waste water Treatment plant in the State of Illinois. He managed the construction of the South Plant and his successful legacy will continue to be part of the District for many years to come.

The Board congratulated Eva Kiss for being the Fox Pride Award winner for the month of June. Regulatory Manager, Tim Rubis stated that Eva has served the District for 33 years. He said Eva recently displayed excellent leadership especially during the pandemic. Eva assisted in implementing the Separation Plan which helped keep the lab operational during the pandemic and the District in compliance with the NPDES Permit. For these reasons, Eva is this month's Fox Pride Award Recipient.


The Board also congratulated Operations Foreman, Dan Haick for his 25 years of service at the District. Operations Supervisor, Joel Ilseman stated that Dan has been an Operations Foreman for seven years and is really in tune with the Plant. Dan is a self-starter and usually two steps ahead of everyone else and he thanked him for his dedication to the District.

With no other Public Comments, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Regular Board Meeting be temporarily adjourned for the Committee of Local Improvements.

The Regular Board Meeting temporarily adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

In the Committee of Local Improvements, Manager Muth introduced the representatives from Cemcon who are currently working with the District on a project in Oswego along with some other projects that will be coming along in the next couple of months. Mr. Kevin Serafin introduced himself to the Board and spoke about Cemcom, described who they are, the products they build and the Redwood Development that will be under construction soon.

Mr. Serafin introduced Kelli McKiner who gave a presentation regarding Redwood Development. This is a project that will be built in Oswego on the corner of Orchard and Mill. The development consists of 142 homes on approximately 26 acres. Her presentation consisted of images of the floor plans of the homes that will be built



in the Redwood Development. She gave an overview of the type of construction, materials as well as a detailed description of the amenities, appliances and the interior finishes the homes will have. She said this will be an apartment neighborhood but the construction style will make it look and feel like a single family home neighborhood. Ms. McKiner gave an overview of her company and their core values.

The next item in the Committee of Local Improvements was the New North Aurora Pump Station Engineering Design. Manager Muth introduced Mr. Michael Ott and Mr. Scott Sterns from Strand Engineering who gave a presentation regarding the Pump Station. Mr.

Ott and Mr. Sterns began their presentation by introducing themselves and their company and stated they have enjoyed working with Fox Metro and its staff. Mr. Ott in the presentation outlined the background of the project, pumping station overview details, and the design process that they used.

It was explained that the costs savings to the District began early on in the project. In looking at costs it was identified that the project was trending higher than what was originally projected and a decision was made as a design team to reduce the size of the wet well while still having a completely functioning design. The change between the original wet well and the new wet well resulted in projected savings of approximately \$900,000.00 in construction costs.

The North Aurora Pumping Station serves a very large District service area and that is why this makes it such a critical asset to Fox Metro. The existing pumping station has served the District for over fifty years and it was last majorly renovated in 1998. The pumping station is creating a bottle neck at the collection system and it is equipped with three pumps that have reached the end of their useful life. The building itself also is no longer compliant with today's standards.

Slides were displayed of pictures of the Pumping Station. The structure was designed to blend in with the neighborhood and it looks like a house. Mr. Ott explained in detail all aspects and features of the Pumping Station.

Attorney Ingemunson called for the Public Hearing at 10:00 A.M. regarding Lincoln Prairie/Lincoln Crossing Development. Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Beacon News. There being no further questions from the Board and no comments from the public, Attorney Ingemunson presented Ordinance No. 902 approving Resolution No. 986 approving the Annexation Agreement between Lincoln Prairie Aurora, LLC, Pulte Homes Corporation and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District to the Board for their approval.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that Ordinance No. 902, approving Resolution No. 986 approving the Annexation Agreement between Lincoln Prairie Aurora, LLC, Pulte Homes Corporation and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District, subject to staff receiving a final signature from the owners of the property.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Fox Metro Water Reclamation District this 23rd , day of June, 2021 by a vote of 4 to 0.

At this time the Public Hearing adjourned and the Committee of Local Improvements reconvened.

Mr. Ott continued with his presentation in the Committee of Local Improvements. He displayed different drawings of different equipment contained in the Pumping Station and explained their purpose and function in detail.

Mr. Ott stated that continuous communication with District staff allowed design flexibility while maintaining project schedule and budget. It is important to note that this project will be completed in time and under budget.

Mr. Scott Sterns concluded the presentation by speaking about his company, Strand Engineering. He outlined staff size, location and their successful projects for other communities in the area.

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With no other matters to come before the Committee of Local Improvements, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that the

Committee of Local Improvements adjourn and the Regular Board Meeting reconvene.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:45 A.M.

Attorney Gregg Ingemunson addressed the Board with the Attorney's Report. He requested tentative approval of the Redwood Acquisition LLC Annexation and set a Public Hearing for July 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting. It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried to tentatively approve the Redwood Acquisition on the basis of the presented description and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for July 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting and that staff proceeds with the aspects of the required different activities that are required in the meantime, such as the execution of the deed reconveying the property and easement acquisition.

Mr. John Frerich addressed the Board with the Engineer's Report and requested approval of Partial Payment No. 23 to Whittaker Construction, in the amount of \$367,647.23 for O&M Building Phase II Improvement Project.

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Final Payment No. 8 to Valley Electrical in the amount of \$17,374.78 for Oswego Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project.

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 4 to Frank Marshall Electric in the amount of \$79,423.20 for the Orchard Road Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project.

Mr. Frerich requested approval of Partial Payment No. 4 to Whittaker Construction in the amount of \$5,319.00 for Building B Grit Tank Cover and Odor Control Project

It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Engineer's Report be approved as published and payments be made as requested.

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Manager Muth addressed the Board with the Managers Report and requested authorization to proceed with construction of the Morgan Creek Interceptor Phase 4 Extension Project with the use of only local funds. After discussion and recommendation of staff. It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried the authorization to proceed with the construction of the Morgan Creek Interceptor Phase 4 Extension project with the use of only local funds.


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Manager Muth requested authorization to seek bids for the North Aurora Pump Station to be opened July 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting contingent upon approval of the plans by the IEPA. It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried to approve the authorization to seek bids for the North Aurora Pump Station to be opened July 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., at the Board of Trustees Meeting pending IEPA approval of the plans.

Manager Muth said staff has completed a detailed amount of research in the replacement for 3 District Semi Trucks that are past their useful life and there is a concern regarding the safety of these vehicles. They have researched the specifications that are needed and requested many proposals from the State Purchasing Program and there is money in the budget for this purchase. These trucks are critical in the District's Biosolids Program because staff can haul the material out to the site. Staff was able to obtain two quotes one from Peterbilt and one from Kenilworth. The low bidder was Kenilworth and that is who staff would like to proceed with for the purchase of the Semi Trucks. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of purchasing instead of leasing the trucks.

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Manager Muth requested authorization to purchase 3 Semi Trucks through Sourcewell Purchasing Program. After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 3 Semi Trucks through Sourcewell Purchasing Program as requested by staff.



Manager Muth requested Executive Session to review prior six months of Executive Session Minutes, discuss personnel and related matters.

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At this time it was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that this meeting be temporarily adjourned for Executive Session.

Regular Board Meeting temporarily adjourned for Executive Session at 10:40 A.M.

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Brown put to vote and unanimously carried that the Executive Session be adjourned and resume the Regular Board Meeting.

Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 11:55 A.M

No decisions were made in Executive Session

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It was moved by Trustee Funkey, seconded by Trustee Brown, put to vote and unanimously carried that the Executive Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2020 to May 19, 2021 be approved as written and remain closed.

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With no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Funkey seconded by Trustee Brown put to vote and unanimously carried that this meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

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