

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT
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The Commissioners of the Wood River Drainage and Levee District held a Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2019 at the Wood River Drainage and Levee District Office, 543 W. Madison Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095. Present were Commissioners Weber, Miller and Carnell. Kevin Williams, Wood; Hal Graef: COE. Also, present were Vince Milazzo, Superintendent; Catrenia Roach, Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Allen, Assistant Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. by President Weber.

Public comments- Hal Graef: COE; Conducted site visits for the 3 new pump stations over southern plank before Christmas on December 20, 2018 to get a lay of the land. Next day on December 21st, 2018 Graef sent an email to Milazzo and Williams requesting right of entries. We had 4 but they expired. They were only good for 90 days and we want to do more field explorations for the pump stations and the relief wells along the Southern Plank. Graef brought with him right of entry forms but requesting for longer periods of time. (i.e. for a year versus 60 or 90 days as before) for future site visits, field explorations, things of that nature. Some of this is levee district property other properties are owned by other people. Brief item to plant a seed for the Eastern most Pump Station calling it Pump Station #3 on the Southern Plank. During the site visit before Christmas we proposed the possibility to get from the Village of Roxana a permanent easement for access. It would be a much shorter access road for periodic use versus putting in a much longer access road from Route 111. Kevin Williams from Wood Engineering; Before Christmas Wood did a 2nd periodic inspection for the Lower Wood River & East/West Forks. It went very well. Williams states some of the items that were unacceptable or minimally acceptable have been upgraded one level. Williams is still looking at getting a package to this Board by the next meeting to discuss and approve maybe some projects such as scour repairs. Milazzo and Williams will work on this together. As Graef stated, Williams and Milazzo received the Right of Entry request on the 21st and most of them have gone out. Williams states Milazzo received a letter or email from Ameren. Ameren is looking to put in a new sub station that is relatively close to the levee so there is a meeting with them here at the District office next Tuesday January 8th, 2019 at 1:30 to discuss this project. Wood thinks Ameren is under the impression they don't need an alternation permit but there is possibility they might. Additional note on alternation permit. Question directed to Graef, in regard to these erosion scour protection projects along the canal, does the District and Wood need to know if that is going to require an alternation permit. If we are going to do a 408 this is a much longer process and we need to start now because we cannot go out to bid until we have that permit. Jeff Luken from Luken Insurance Agency is absent.

Minutes of the previous Meeting: A motion was made by Carnell, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carnell, aye; Miller, aye; Miller, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Carnell to pay the bills. Miller, aye; Carnell, aye; Miller, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer/Financial report: Catrenia Roach requested an additional \$20,000 be added to the monthly standard transfer amount of \$40,000 from the Maintenance MMDA account to Maintenance Main account in order to cover 3 quarters from 2017 of Penalty and Interest fines from the IRS for failure to file and failure to pay. Roach stated that the prepared financial/balance sheet has been presented and will be working with Greg McCauley in the next couple of weeks to generate a Balance Sheet from QuickBooks with actual liabilities. Weber asked the question if the fees and fines, not paid or items that had gone awry were going to be kept tracked separately, as the Police had asked the District to keep them informed of any additional information and or cost the District may come across as an addendum to the original Police report. Milazzo asked the question "Will the additional fees and fines, cost to the District be covered/reimbursed under the Bond coverage by the Insurance coverage?" Weber responded she is hoping so. Miller asked if this was all the fees and fines or was there more to come. Roach stated this is the first of many. The District is waiting on the IRS to still work through the remaining Payroll quarters. Weber asked if the previous Secretary/Treasurer had written the checks but did not file the proper paper work. Roach stated yes, she did pay, but the payments were late, resulting in failure to pay and she did not file the returns which resulted in failure to file and then you have penalty and interest compounded on top of those two items. Milazzo asked if the District knew at this time what the actual amount that the previous Secretary /Treasurer had ended up with. Weber responded the paper stated \$67,000 which was a real number at the time. However, Milazzo asked is it more since we are still adding on to that and Weber responded at this time The District does not know and does not know if the charges will change if the amount goes over \$100,000. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Carnell to approve the Treasurer/Financial Report. Miller, aye; Carnell, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent/Maintenance Report Milazzo stated the Superintendents report has been presented to be read and will answer any question. Opened Wood River and Hawthorne Pumping Stations January 2, 2019. Milazzo stated he is pushing to have the budget finalized and approved because there is a truck and tractor request in the budget. The truck he can do without, however he needs to get the tractor ordered as soon as possible. Motion was made by Carnell to approve Superintendent Report, seconded by Miller. Carnell, aye; Miller, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Rene Butler: Absent. No report

Communications: Letter from Ameren, mentioned earlier by Kevin received by Milazzo. This is called the Miles Sub Station, located over by the Piasa Armory

Old Business: Weber stated starting today the District will start their first cycle of direct deposit. The commissioners set up a Closed Session meeting to discuss collective bargaining. A meeting

was set for Friday, January 4, 2019 for 9:00am. Also, the commissioners were asked to read and review, make changes in regards the drug policy so a final copy can be approved. Weber stated she knew Milazzo and Miller were busy but encouraged to get the budget finished so it could be approved at next meeting.

Commissioners/Employees Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Miller, seconded by Carnell. Miller, aye; Carnell, aye; Weber, aye. Motion at 8:50a.m.
