

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT
June 6, 2019

The Commissioners of the Wood River Drainage and Levee District held a Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Wood River Drainage and Levee District Office, 543 W. Madison Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095. Present were Commissioners, Carnell, and Johansen, Kevin Williams: Wood; James Craney, Britt Donoho, Christi Swick: Attorneys; Jeff Luken: The Luken Agency, Vince Milazzo: Superintendent; Mike Allen: Assistant Superintendent, Catrenia Roach: Secretary/Treasurer and Margaret Weber.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Commissioner Carnell a delayed meeting due to Emergency Flood Management.

Public comments: NA

US Army Corps of Engineers Comments:
Presented by Kevin Wood

1. With all the flood fight activity going on, wanted to ensure that you have visibility on the Biddability, Constructability, Operability, Environmental and Sustainability (BCOES) Review currently underway for Relief Well package #1. A meeting has been set for Tuesday June 18, at 1:00pm. Conference call invite was sent to Vince Milazzo and Catrenia Roach

Wood Engineering Comments:
Presented by Kevin Wood
Since the last meeting on 21 May 2019, Wood has:

• **Erosion Repair Project (2019-01)**

- 08FEB19 – Plans/calculations submitted to USACE
- 04MAR19 – USACE Review comments received
- 11MAR19 – Wood notified that USACE is also going to require a Phase I Cultural Study
- 11APR19 – Wood resubmitted plans/calculations to USACE
- 04JUN19 – Board signature on 404 Application. Will submit to USACE later today.
- TBD – A Phase I Cultural Study is required for “Repair Area #3”. This work will be completed as soon as river levels allow.

As previously approved by the board of commissioners, once approval is received from USACE, this project will be advertised for bid.

• **Gravity Drains Inspection Project (2019-02)**

- Wood continues to develop a procurement package for the CCTV inspection of gravity drains in Upper Wood River, Lower Wood River and the East-West Forks.
- Design will be complete early summer 2019 with execution this fall.
- Will be highly depended upon river levels

• **Routine Inspection Deficiency Corrections** – USACE to provide the final version of the FY2019 inspection packet to the District prior to assigning responsibilities.

• **System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) LOI** – Wood/WRDLD in receipt of comments from USACE. Wood is reviewing comments and will address those that are applicable once the final version of the FY2019 inspection is received by the District.

• **Ongoing Coordination with the District** – Wood continues to coordinate weekly with Vince Milazzo, his

staff, and the Board of Commissioners regarding routine operations of the district.

- Emergency Repairs at East Alton No. 1 Pump Station; including coordination with USACE
- Section 408 requests from BP – for discussion today.
- Assisted with coordination of District during Major Flood – including many meetings with Madison Co EMA, USACE, local municipalities, and Madison Co board members.

• **Ongoing Coordination with the USACE** – LERRDs (Land, Easements, Rights-Of-Way, Relocation, and Disposal Areas) work continues. Wood continues survey/title work for parcels adjacent to the levee that will require Rights of Entry (ROE), Temporary Construction Easements (TCE), and Permanent Easements (PE) for future Authorized Level projects. Wood has begun coordination with new outside counsel. Will resume LERRDs when standard ROE documents have been approved.

Luken Insurance Agency Comments: No Report. Johansen asked if volunteers were covered under our insurance. Jeff will get specifics and get back to the board.

Minutes of the previous Meeting: The last open meeting on Tuesday May 28, 2019 was a meeting of transition and those minutes will be available per Attorney James Craney for the next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2019. A motion was made by Johansen to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2019, seconded by Carnell. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: A motion was made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to approve the list of bills to be paid. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer/Financial Report: Roach stated that the prepared financial/balance sheet has been presented to be read and will answer any questions. Roach stated that Tony Falconio commented the Flood Event started March 10, 2019, that being said, all Pump Monitor wages and overtime wages for the maintenance crew are being moved to Flood wages on the Revenue and Expense Report for tracking purposes for possible reimbursement by the Federal Government. Motion made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to approve the Treasurer/Financial Report. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent/Maintenance Report Milazzo stated the Superintendents report has been presented to be read and will answer any questions. Milazzo and Wood specifically spoke in regards to the Wood River Pump Station Flap Gate Repair and possible cost. Motion was made by Johansen to approve Superintendent Report, seconded by Carnell. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Attorney James Craney: In regard to Labor Negotiations as retained the services of Chisti Swick of Sandberg Phoenix and has delegated easement issues to his Associate Britt Donoho.

Communications: None for this meeting.

Old Business:

Ordinance in the Event of Vacancy of Chairman – For now, Carnell is withdrawing the proposed Ordinance.

New Business:

Discussion & Potential Action Regarding Ingress/Egress Easement – modification by Attorney's office before final action.

BP Monitoring Wells – Requests for Letter(s) of No Objection – A motion was made by Carnell, seconded by Johansen to accept the BP Monitoring Wells Letter(s) of No Objection. Carnell, aye; Johansen, aye. Motion carried.

Discussion & Potential Action Regarding Unused Vacation Time – Board to take under advisement.

Discussion & Potential Action Regarding Forensic Audit – A motion was made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to search for an accounting firm for the purpose of a Forensic audit. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Discussion & Potential Action Regarding Retaining Council – No action necessary since a motion had been made regarding to hire a Lawyer regarding Interest arbitration at the May 21st, 2019 meeting.

Discussion & Potential Action Regarding Amending By-Laws - A motion was made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to amend to By-Laws by striking out Article 4, Section 2, d,e, and f, job descriptions for the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion matters pertaining to Collective Bargaining 5 ILCS 120/2©(2) including Labor and Employment Issues - A motion was made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to move into executive Session at 1:45 pm. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Return to open session/roll call: A motion was made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell to move back into Open Session. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioners/Employees Comments:

Adjournment: Motion made by Johansen, seconded by Carnell. Johansen, aye; Carnell, aye. Motion at 3:23pm.
