

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT
Aug 21, 2018

The Commissioners of the Wood River Drainage and Levee District held a Meeting on Tuesday, Aug 21, 2018 at the Wood River Drainage and Levee District Office, 543 W. Madison Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095. Present were Commissioners Weber, Miller and Carnell. Rene Butler, Attorney; Kevin Williams, Wood; James Carney, Attorney. Also present were Vince Milazzo, Superintendent; Jamie Butkovich, Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Allen, Assistant Superintendent.

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

Public comments- NA

Motion by Weber, seconded by Miller to approve Minutes of Previous meeting as written. Carnell states for the recorder, that he has reviewed the last year worth of minutes and he did not see where the previous board elected Margaret Weber as President of the Board. Butkovich Miller, aye; Weber, aye; Carnell, NO.

Weber questioned what the payment was to Carnell for shirts. Carnell explains that he felt it was necessary to have logo'd shirts as he is involved with attending meeting. Butkovich explains that there is tax since the shirts were purchased from JC Penny. Mr. Carnell and Butkovich had a conversation about getting him shirts with logo's. Butkovich explained that we have accounts set up at local businesses that don't charge us tax due to us being tax exempt. Butkovich told Carnell to go to B&B Custom T's and have them order shirts and have them embroider. Carnell states B&B did not have the shirts he wanted. So, he decided to go to JC Penny. Butkovich explains we cannot pay tax because we are tax exempt. Mr. Carnell states he apologizes, and he knows that usually we go to Farm and Home or elsewhere and purchase shirts and take to B&B to have logo'd. Butkovich states that is correct, but she was unavailable to leave the office due to work load and go and purchase shirts for Carnell. Most shirts are bought for safety program requirements for the Maintenance dept twice a year. Otherwise the other shirts that employees' or commissioners have some that are Christmas presents. Carnell states to forgo his Christmas present this year. Butkovich explained that Carnell and she had already had a prior discussion regarding purchases with tax, in reference to when Carnell had the locks changed on Commissioners desk, he did not check with anyone on how purchases where made. He just had locks changed and paid for it and had filled out an expense report. This is the second time Butkovich has had this conversion with Carnell.

Motion by Carnell seconded by Miller to approve the List of Bills. Carnell, aye; Miller, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Fund

<u>Company</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kansas City Life	Milazzo V/Allen Life Ins	126.50
Ameren	Haw #1 Utilities	173.44
At&t	Internet	55.38
Sprint	Cell Phones	327.12
Ameren	Grassy Utilities	230.48
Ameren	EA#2 Utilities	218.94
Ameren	Office/Garage/Seldom used/WR Pump St	1286.38
SMS	Charter Comm Proposed Easement	307.63
State Farm	Emp Paid Life Ins	19.30
*****City of Wood River	Water/Sewer-Office/Garage/WR Pump St	92.40
*****Casey's	Fuel	521.55
*****M&M Service	Diesel Fuel	1318.85
Ron Carnell	Shirts purchase w/ Tax Included	46.26
B&B Custom T's	Embroidery for Carnell Shirts	20.00
Total		4744.23
<u>Rand</u>		
Ameren	Rand Utilities	4865.31
Total		4865.31
<u>East Alton Pump Fund-EA#1</u>		
Total		0.00

*****Indicates bills paid prior to meeting due to due date.

Treasurer's Report -

Reported in the Maintenance Fund \$22,746.28, \$40,000.00 in deposits and \$24,385.91 in expenses. MMDA \$1,235,968.94, zero deposits, zero interest and \$46,916.00 in expenses. Rand \$73,767.94, zero deposits and \$2,981.13 in expenses. Rand MMDA \$98,747.37, zero interest, zero expenses and zero deposits. East Alton Pump Fund Utility Account \$210,662.50 including zero deposits, zero interest and \$2,280.05 in expenses.

Miller asks Butkovich will we have CD's renewing soon. Butkovich said yes, I just received letters for them They will be on an agenda in the month of September.

Motion by Carnell seconded by Miller to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carnell, aye; Miller, aye; Weber, aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report- Milazzo states you have a maintenance report as presented. Mowing is going well. Spoke with Hal regarding maintenance of relief well, it is every 10 years that it needs to be done. Camaraing the lines is every 5 years. Hall is sending me a letter with conformation. Kevin Williams asks if we have drawings of the Rand Project, Milazzo replies, we have seen them, but I do not have a copy on hand. Williams explains the CCTV at Rand Pump Station will take place next month. We will inspect Gravity drains.

Motion by Weber seconded by Carnell to accept the Superintendents Report as given. Weber, aye; Carnell, aye; Miller, aye. Motion carried.

Attorneys Report-Butler states she does not have anything.

New Business-

1. Ordinance (un-numbered) produced and provided by Carnell. Carnell presented an ordinance to Butkovich wanted an ordinance number assigned. Butkovich explained there was nothing she could do with it because it needed to be presented to the board, so she just put it on agenda. Attached is a copy of the ordinance and letter written. Miller asks, do we already have something in place? Butkovich replies, yes. State Statute and our Ordinance. Butkovich states our Re-Organizational meeting is October 1. Carnell states he did not see in the minutes where Weber was appointed to president position. He feels the ordinance is weak in case this would happen again. Butkovich states, we did not have anyone once Kochan and Osborne were gone. Carnell states this is not a derogatory comment. But why did Kochan and Osborne not appoint her. Carnell asks did they not know they weren't being reappointed, I know Osborne gave his resignation letter. Butkovich states it went on for years, Osborne wanted to resign and Prenzler kept telling him to stay till he finds someone. Butkovich replies, no they didn't know till the last minute and we only had Weber, Butler states it was completely legal since she was the only one with seniority. Butkovich states why would we have only one person able to appoint or fire legal council at any time and to enter into contracts, why would we do that? That's why we have a board. Weber states we had no idea Kochan and Osborne were leaving so that is why we did not hold any election. Butkovich states, she did not even get notified from the county board chairman that new commissioners were being appointed, I found out through the minutes, I called and asked for a letter and they would not provide one. In prior years we got a letter from the previous administration, this time was a different go around. Miller asks is there anything in the ordinance stating what should happen in a situation like this, Butler states she will check, and we can tighten up the verbiage too. Butkovich explains to Carnell, next time he wants something changed within the ordinance he needs to talk to the board because during a meeting because there is absolutely nothing I can do. In a case like this, the legal counsel would type up to make sure everything is legal. Miller states he is not ok with giving one-person sole power, that's not how committees or boards work. Weber states she is not ok either. Butler states it is not legal for a municipality to give one-person sole power.

Carnell withdraws the ordinance he provided.

Old Business-NA

Commissioner/Employee Comments- Weber states she met with the IBEW, Vince, and Mike Allen, Regarding the contract. I have provided information, if you could review so we can move forward On it. I also have given Rene a copy. We will need to meet to discuss during an executive session.

Carnell states we had the meeting Friday with David Human, Wood, and Chuck from the FPD, I would like for the board to continue to improve our assessments and seriously consider David Humans ideas. I understand the District is in it best financial state since existence. I have gone Through previous minutes and have seen parcels being removed. Mr. Human seems to think His ideas would certainly help us. Weber states with the years being changed on the relief Well maintenance, that will save us a ton of money. Weber states she doesn't want to upset Industry because we have a good relationship and we don't want to go in and asks for money, money, Money. Weber says there is a list of parcels not being assessed by the assessor's office, we need to Hit those up first. Butkovich states the state statute says the district cannot have more than 2 ½ times Our yearly assessment. We are there, we are 1 million over now. Weber states David Human says he Will do legislative work to get that changed. Butkovich states it's not going to happen overnight. We don't Want to have an abundance of money because the county can come back and take it. Butkovich States the auditor suggest making a five-year plan, on what we need to be purchase. Weber asks Milazzo If he can get a five-year plan together and we will put on agenda. Milazzo states yes, he can have it ready By next meeting. Butkovich states she appreciated the old last two boards because they worked Together to get things done, unlike other boards previously. They were able to get many of the Projects that needed to be done for a long time.

Weber asks if anymore comments-Butkovich states she will be very busy and to herself trying to get a lot of her work completed, and it is her busy time of the year.

Carnell-questions Weber is she uses her personal computer and phone at home out of these 4 walls. Weber asks why? I'm just asking a question, replies Carnell. Carnell states the thought in my mind is if you are doing it for the district you shouldn't use your personal items. He says to Weber I am not questioning your character. Carnell feels computers and cell phones should be supplied. All I say is we need to do it on a district supplied computer so the public can see it. Butkovich states I will say this, t he one time she has had to use her personal computer is because I could not see it, because it was union stuff the needs to be discussed in executive session. We can't know about it, so I could not type it up for her here in the office like usual. Butler states there is nothing legally wrong with any commissioner doing levee stuff on personal items. Butler asks Carnell, what are you wanting, do you want Jamie to add a request to the Five-year plan. The only time I have used my cell phone is to call Jamie. Weber states why now do we need computers in the commissioner's office, when we've never had them before. Butkovich states she has access to a computer, Carnell states do I have access to the same computer, Butkovich replies yes. Carnell states I did not know that, I guess I should have asked, we all know what happens when you assume. Carnell states if he had been here 5 years ago or how many years ago, I would have had them here. Weber states I feel as if every board before this one has always been above board with everything. Carnell states I'm not questioning your integrity. Carnell states this conversation

is getting a little heated. I don't know you outside these walls, Weber replies, correct, you don't. Carnell states laws are changing, and we need to be proactive to protect this district and everybody. Involved with this organization, that what the state is wanting. Weber asks Carnell, state or county Government. Carnell replies, state, they are the ones who pass legislation. Carnell asks Weber, Am I missing something here, she replies no I was just asking. The Open Meetings Act I never had to do while I was mayor. I want everything as open as possible.

Miller left meeting at 9:10 am.

Weber asks, anyone else have anything?

Motion by Weber, seconded by Carnell to adjourn at 9:51am. Weber, aye, Carnell, aye.

Jamie Butkovich
Secretary/Treasurer