

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING OF THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 7:05 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: L. Crawford, R. Furstenau, C. Janc, D. Loftus, J. Pruyn, D. Russo, F. Saverino, M. Scheck, P. Suess and J. Zay

Commissioners Absent: W. Murphy and J. B. Webb

Also in attendance: Treasurer D. Ellsworth, J. Spatz, C. Peterson, C. Johnson, T. McGhee, R. C. Bostick, J. Schori, M. Weed, F. Frelka, E. Kazmierczak, J. Rodriguez and T. Good of Gorski & Good, LLP

TENTATIVE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET

General Manager Spatz gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Tentative Draft Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget, highlighting significant savings over the last three fiscal years.

Overall, General Manager Spatz stated that the Commission is projected to make \$8MM in revenue over the forecasted total amount and of that \$8MM, \$4MM was related to water sales, \$2MM was related to sales tax and the other \$2MM was related to DuPage County's buy-in prepayment. Total expenditures were \$3MM over the forecasted amount, the Commission paid an additional \$11MM in principal and interest for revenue bonds and paid an additional \$14MM in principal related to the debt certificates, and capital expenditures are projected to be over by about \$2MM. General Manager Spatz added that the Commission has and would continue to reduce operating expenses and utilizing that money to pay off debt.

During the presentation, Commissioner Suess questioned the difference in the forecasted operating expenses versus actual expenses. General Manager Spatz responded that significant budget cuts were made the forecasted amounts related back to the original numbers in the four year water rate model.

Commissioner Suess stated that the Commission's story is something to share with the public. General Manager Spatz stated that he would like to issue a press release once the budget was adopted.

After General Manager Spatz concluded his presentation of the proposed budget, Manager of Operations McGhee presented the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

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With respect to the replacement of the pump station, chlorine facility, influent and effluent building roofs with a white membrane system; Commissioner Furstenau asked and Manager of Operations McGhee responded that the life of the roof was ten years which ended in 1991.

With respect to the Local Area Network Upgrades, Commissioner Crawford asked if the Storage Area Network (SAN) project was cloud-based. Manager of Operations McGhee responded that currently the Commission is utilizing a tape backup system and switching to a backup system housed in the generator building. He added that staff is considering a cloud-based backup in the future as part of the SAN project.

With no further questions, Chairman Zay asked for a consensus to allow staff to distribute the Tentative Draft FY 2013-2014 Management Budget to the Commission's customers to which all agreed.

Commissioner Pruyn asked when the Commissioners would pass the budget. General Manager Spatz replied that there a public hearing would be held at regular April Board meeting along with consideration of the budget.

Commissioner Russo moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote

All voted aye. Motion carried.

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