

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DuPAGE WATER COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007
600 E. BUTTERFIELD ROAD
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rathje at 7:31 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, R. Ferraro, W. Maio, G. Mathews, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, and L. Rathje

Commissioners Absent: L. Hartwig, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and D. Zeilenga

Also in attendance: Treasurer R. Thorn, R. Martin, R. M. Richter, M. Crowley, C. Johnson, T. McGhee, R. C. Bostick, F. Frelka, and E. Kazmierczak

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ferraro moved to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2007 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Feltes and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maio moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the May 10, 2007 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Ferraro and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Thorn presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2007 which showed receipts of \$6,023,896.00, disbursements of \$15,047,583.00 (in addition to a \$40 million rebate to Customers), and a cash and investment balance of \$104,294,288.00.

Commissioner Ferraro moved to accept the May 2007 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Commissioner Chaplin and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

No meeting due to lack of quorum

Engineering & Construction Committee – Reported by Commissioner Mueller

Commissioner Mueller reported that the Engineering & Construction Committee reviewed and recommended for approval all items listed on the Engineering & Construction Committee agenda.

In recognition of Commissioner Ferraro's retirement from the DuPage Water Commission Board, Commissioner Mueller thanked Commissioner Ferraro for his years of service and dedicated work on the Engineering & Construction Committee.

Finance Committee

No meeting due to lack of quorum

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rathje stressed the importance of conserving water. In referring to certain water facts and figures mentioned in a National Geographic article (2/3rds of the world is covered by water but only 1% of that water is drinkable; 5 gallons of water are used when water is left running while brushing one's teeth; one toilet flush in the U.S. is equivalent to the total daily water use of a single person in developing countries), Commissioner Rathje highlighted the value of the Commission's water resource and the Commission's duty to safeguard it.

MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

Commissioner Chaplin requested that Ordinance No. O-7-07 be removed from the Majority Omnibus Vote Agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Ferraro moved to adopt the items listed on the revised Majority Omnibus Vote Agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Feltes and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Majority Omnibus Vote

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, R. Ferraro, W. Maio, G. Mathews, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: L. Hartwig, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and D. Zeilenga

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- Item 1: Ordinance No. O-8-07: An Ordinance Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages in DuPage County and Cook County—"Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 2: Resolution No. R-37-07: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Mitigation of the AC Electrical Interference on West Transmission Main (Contract TW-4/07)—"Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 3: Resolution No. R-39-07: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Relocation and Construction of Cadwell Avenue in Elmhurst, Illinois (Contract PSD-6B/07)—"Majority Omnibus Vote"

Commissioner Ferraro moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-7-07: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2007 and Ending April 30, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner Mueller and approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: T. Feltes, R. Ferraro, W. Maio, G. Mathews, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, and L. Rathje

Nays: E. Chaplin

Absent: L. Hartwig, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and D. Zeilenga

SUPER/SPECIAL MAJORITY OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

Commissioner Mueller moved to adopt the items listed on the Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote Agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Ferraro and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, R. Ferraro, W. Maio, G. Mathews, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: L. Hartwig, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and D. Zeilenga

- Item 1: Resolution No. R-36-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QR-7/05 at the June 14, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 2: Resolution No. R-38-07: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Third Amendment to the Contract for Design of Concrete Reservoirs and Other Improvements at the DuPage Pump Station—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

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- Item 3: Resolution No. R-40-07: A Resolution Approving a First Amendment to Task Order No. 2 Under a Master Contract with EN Engineering, LLC—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 4: Resolution No. R-41-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders Under a Master Contract with Patrick Engineering, Inc. at the June 14, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 5: Resolution No. R-42-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders Under a Master Contract with EN Engineering, LLC at the June 14, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 6: Resolution No. R-43-07: A Resolution Further Amending Resolution No. R-53-04 to Specify Authorized Credit Card Users—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"
- Item 7: Resolution No. R-44-07: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders Under a Master Contract with Westin Engineering, Inc. at the June 14, 2007, DuPage Water Commission Meeting—"Super/Special Majority Omnibus Vote"

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Mathews moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$71,935.18 subject to submission of all contractually required documentation.
Seconded by Commissioner Feltes and unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: E. Chaplin, T. Feltes, R. Ferraro, W. Maio, G. Mathews, W. Mueller, W. Murphy, A. Poole, and L. Rathje

Nays: None

Absent: L. Hartwig, J. Vrdolyak, G. Wilcox, and D. Zeilenga

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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Before the meeting was adjourned, and to follow-up on the comments made during the Chairman's Report, Commissioner Murphy thanked General Manager Martin for sharing the book entitled *The Great Lakes Water Wars* by Peter Annin. After confirming that Commissioner Schillerstrom had received a copy of the book, Commissioner Murphy commented on how serious the issue of conserving water is and suggested including the book as part of the orientation of every newly appointed Commissioner.

Commissioner Murphy then distributed to the Board, and read excerpts from, informational material relating to water resources and conservation, including Chapter summaries from the Great Lakes Water Wars website and information published on the Alliance for the Great Lakes website. In noting the negative impact failure to conserve water resources will have on future populations, Commissioner Murphy stated that the Commission should take a leadership role in developing a comprehensive plan for water conservation that promotes state-of-the-art conservation strategies and techniques.

In addition to agreeing with Commissioner Murphy's suggestion to develop a comprehensive conservation plan, Commissioner Chaplin stressed the importance of keeping back-up wells properly maintained. Commissioners Feltes, Mathews, Maio, with Mueller also concurred with Commissioner Murphy's suggestion, with Commission Mueller specifically agreeing that water rates should not be reduced any further as lower rates do not offer customers much incentive to conserve.

Commissioner Poole suggested that annual leak detection programs be included in the comprehensive plan in order to find aging pipes in need of repair before they leak and to provide more accurate reporting of unaccounted flows to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, noting some communities—e.g. Wheaton—report zero unaccounted flows. Commissioner Poole also suggested that LEED-Certified building development and rainwater recapture for landscape usage be included in the plan.

After the Board concluded its discussion on various conservation strategies and techniques, Commissioner Ferraro expressed his pleasure in working with each of the Commissioners and the staff at the DuPage Water Commission. Commissioner Ferraro then introduced the new Mayor of Carol Stream, Frank Saverino, who has also been appointed to replace Commissioner Ferraro as the municipal District 6 Commissioner on the Board. At this time, Chairman Rathje presented a plaque to Commissioner Ferraro commemorating his years of service to the DuPage Water Commission, commenting that Commissioner Saverino will have big shoes to fill.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Commissioner Chaplin inquired about the status of forming a Task Force to address the lack of fire hydrants in unincorporated areas as discussed in prior meetings. General Manager Martin informed the Board that Kevin Buoy of DuPage County is working on the fire hydrant issue with the residents of those areas and will keep the Board informed of any new developments.

Commissioner Maio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Ferraro and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

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All voted aye. Motion carried.

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