

**Report on the South Sangamon Water Commission Meeting
October 18, 2016, 3:00 PM at the SSWC Water Plant
Written by Lee Bloome, Water Commissioner**

Attachments:

- September SSWC Meeting Minutes
- Woodard and Curren Monthly Operating Report for September 2016
- Audit discussion letter
- Audit

Start of Meeting and Roll Call

All commissioners were present.

Audit Presentation

The audit was presented and the preparer walked the commission through it via cell phone. I have attached a summary of audit findings letter provided by the preparer. Items of note included:

- Many new entries were made to the audit to comply with IMRF Standards. The reporting is required to show pension liabilities.
- Cash and accounts receivable were both down.
- Restricted cash is up.
- The trend may be of concern or it may just be water sales were down due to it being a wet year with less lawn watering.

Management Report:

The management report was presented to the commission. The report is available as an attachment. Key points to the report are as follows:

- Finished water quality was within regulatory limits and all reporting and sampling requirements were met for September. Constituents of note include iron which averaged 0.01 mg/L (secondary standard is 0.3 mg/L) and manganese which averaged 0.012mg/L (secondary standard is 0.05 mg/L). pH is has averaged 7.71 for the last month. Hardness averaged 120 mg/L. (CWLP average is 111 mg/L)
- The plant continues to have an exceedance in their NPDES permit limit for chlorine in the effluent leaving the settling ponds. The dechlorination feed is operating but due to the volumes of the ponds and the mixing that occurs, it will take some time for the remaining chlorine levels to drop down below permit limits. IEPA is aware of the exceedance and will continue to monitor progress on lowering the discharge concentration.
- The plant filtered 38.8 million gallons of finished water in August.

- The leak in a service that was discovered along the transmission main was repaired.
- Woodard and Curran is currently \$33,000 over budget at this point in the three year contract. That will level out due to larger cost items being completed earlier in the year that are once per year occurrences.

Engineering Report:

Max Middendorf with MECO Engineering presented his engineering report. The hydro-pneumatic tank is being constructed. The radiograph study is also complete between the plant and the altitude valve in Chatham.

Public Comments:

Comments from the public included the following:

- Question about the fluoride pumps and whether they had been replaced.
 - Response: The fluoride pumps were still the originals but they were being replaced with new peristaltic pumps.
- Question about whether all the monthly reports from Woodard and Curran would be revised now that the spreadsheet error has been fixed on the finished water and raw water summary tables.
 - Response: The commission will look into it.

Unanimous approval was given of the last meetings minutes, treasurer's report and approval of invoices for payment.

Consider Rate Study:

At the time of the meeting the commission only had one proposal for a rate study from Ehlers. It was decided we needed at least one more proposal for comparison. A special meeting will likely be called to consider entering into a rate study prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. All entities will be kept informed of our progress on this task.

Old Business:

Crop damage was on the agenda but no action was taken.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

This concludes my report on the SSWC Meeting.

Lee Bloome