
Southwest Regional Water District
944th Meeting Minutes

The 944th meeting of The Board of Trustees of the Southwest Regional Water District was held on October 25, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Doug Drake, Board President.

Trustees in attendance were Rob Brehm, Chad Chenoweth, Miles Cook, Doug Drake, Michael Egbert, Nick Gronas, Clark Kelly, Randy Rolke and Robert Schmidt.

Also in attendance were Phil Sackenheim, General Manager; Kenny Hoffman, Finance and Business Manager; Deana Fackey, HR Coordinator; Dustan Marshall, Operations Manager and Nick Ziepfel, Board Counsel.

The 943rd Board Meeting minutes were accepted by consensus.

The September 20, 2022 Audit Committee Meeting minutes were accepted by consensus.

During Public Input, Debra Streicher, customer at 2901 Stillwell Beckett Rd, sent an email to say she is new to Hanover Township and absolutely loves our water.

Phil Sackenheim reported that staff volunteers; Boyd Carr, Bernie Dickman, Deana Fackey, Nikki Girdler, Kyle Gross, Josh Niehoff, and Jeannie Wright did a fantastic job at the 2022 Butler County Water Festival. Special Thank You to Jeannie Wright for stepping up and being a huge asset to the Consortium's Public Education Committee.

Dustan Marshall briefed The Board on what current staff has accomplished with the recent changes in staffing and expressed his appreciation for the staff's hard work and the for the support of The Board.

Chad Chenoweth moved to accept the September 2022 Financial Statements as presented. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion Passed.

Phil Sackenheim updated The Board on the status of Energy re-bid. Still monitoring energy pricing and preparing to issue an invitation to bid. No action required.

Rob Brehm moved to change the start time of regular meetings to 6:00 pm to begin January 1, 2023. Nick Gronas seconded. Motion Passed.

Clark Kelly moved to ratify the General Manager's decision to execute the agreement with Roetzel and Andress in order to retain Nick Ziepfel as Board Counsel. Mike Egbert seconded. Motion Passed.

Mike Egbert moved to allow staff to purchase vehicles directly from dealers up to \$50,000 for light duty and \$75,000 for heavy duty to fill vehicle needs previously approved by The Board, as long as such vehicles are priced below the amount for like vehicles under the Ohio DAS bid. Miles Joe Cook seconded. Motion Passed.

Deana Fackey presented to The Board options for one short sleeve dress shirts to be purchased for Board members and Executive Staff. No action needed.

Robert Schmidt moved to adopt Resolution #1553-2022, Adopting 2023 Water Rate Schedule and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2023. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

Clark Kelly moved to approve a deviation from Regulation 2015-001 to allow the proposed Ross Hanover Road extension for the Village of Millville to use a 4" pipe. Miles Joe Cook seconded. Motion passed.

Chad Chenoweth moved to authorize the General Manager and/or Operations Manager to advertise for bids to purchase treatment plant chemicals and salt. Rob Brehm seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Egbert moved to authorize District staff to re-advertise for construction bids for "Morman/Stahlheber Water Main Relocation", with bid opening date of November 11, 2022. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

Chad Chenoweth moved to approve a contract with Anthem SOCA MEWA to offer dual plans of Anthem SOCA Blue Access PPO HSA / 6VJR as a High Deductible Health Plan and the Anthem SOCA Blue Access PPO 6VJ5 as a Co-pay plan for the period 1/1/23 - 12/31/23 and authorize the General Manager to execute and administer the contracts; Request the Board approve a contract with Anthem for Dental (Essential Choice C3) and Vision (MEWA.FS.B.10.25.130.130) plans for the period 1/1/23 - 12/31/23 and authorize the General Manager to execute and administer the contracts; Request the Board approve funding of employee Health Savings Accounts in the amount of \$2,700/\$5,400 single/multiple and Flexible Spending Accounts in the amount of \$500/\$500 single/multiple for eligible employees and the employer matching dollar for dollar employee contributions up to \$1,275. Clark Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Rolke moved to approve the District's portion of the 2023 Groundwater Consortium Budget of \$36,077.59 for the Hamilton New Baltimore Groundwater Consortium. Miles Joe Cook seconded. Motion passed.

Clark Kelly thanked The Board for allowing him to go to the 2022 National Rural WaterPro Annual Conference. Over the 3 days he attended 16 conference sessions and felt they were very interesting and learned a great deal. No action needed.

Chad Chenoweth volunteered, and was appointed by The Board, to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee.

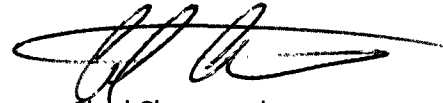
Deana Fackey gave options to The Board to hold their annual Christmas Party at Hueston Woods Lodge on December 16, with a spending budget of \$1,700.00.

Rob Brehm moved to authorize the General Manager to close the office at noon on December 22nd and allow hosting of an Employee Christmas Party with a catering budget of \$1700.00. Miles Joe Cook seconded.

Rob Brehm moved to adjourn the meeting Mike Egbert seconded. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Chenoweth,
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Documents Included

- 943rd Board Meeting Minutes
- 9/20/22 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Email, Debra Streicher, 2901 Stillwell Beckett
- September 2022 Financial Statements
- 2022 Vehicle Purchase
- Resolution #1553-2022 Adopting 2023 Water Rate Schedule and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Effective 1/1/23
- Approval of Deviation for Ross Hanover Rd Watermain Extension
- Treatment Plant Chemicals / Solicitation of Bids
- Morman/Stahlheber Watermain Relocation / Rebid
- 2023 Employee Health Insurance
- Consortium Budget
- Water Pro Summary, Clark Kelly