

April 26, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Shore Water Reclamation District held Monday, April 26, 2021 at 3:45 P.M. Governor Pritzker has issued a disaster declaration for the State of Illinois related to COVID-19. In accordance with that declaration's requirement to practice social distancing and limit person to person contact to contain the spread of COVID-19, the North Shore Water Reclamation District President has determined that due to the number of participants involved in the special meeting and the limitations of the location at which the regular meeting is held, that it is not practical or prudent to convene an in-person meeting of the Board of Trustees and that the meeting shall be held remotely pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The April 26, 2021 special meeting of the North Shore Water Reclamation District shall be held remotely via teleconference so that the participants and attendees may comply with public health directives including social distancing and shelter in place. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act, 48 hours' notice that the meeting is to be held remotely pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Act, via teleconference, has been provided to each member of the Board of Trustees, to each media outlet that has requested such meetings pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 2.02 of the Act and has been posted on the North Shore Water Reclamation District's website.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Trustees were present and each of their identities were confirmed:

Stephen J. Drew, President – present via teleconference
Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice President – present via teleconference
B. Sugar Young, Treasurer – present via teleconference
Preston P. Carter – present via teleconference
Thomas Swarthout – present via teleconference

Staff members present via teleconference were Executive Director Dave Miller (present in Board Room at the Administration Building), Attorney Greg Jackson and District Secretary Mary Jo Bryant.

It was confirmed that each participating Board member can hear all discussions; and confirmed that members of the public present at the regular meeting location can hear all discussions and all votes of the members of the Board.

There was no Public Comment.

President Drew presented Other Business:

A. Grant of Easement to North Shore Gas Company.

Executive Director Miller provided background that the City of Highland Park had a major road construction project going on north of the District's Clavey Road WRF and has requested to relocate a portion of a gas main onto the District's property, which requires an easement. District Staff worked with North Shore Gas Company officials to try and get this easement language finalized prior to the April 14, 2021 Board meeting. However, the North Shore Gas legal review was not completed in time to meet that deadline. Trustee Pierce has been involved in moving this project forward and stated that it is very important to complete this work as soon as possible as this project is critical to the City of Highland Park. Ravinia will be re-opening this summer and Clavey Road is its main access road. Clavey Road is also the main artery to the business district and downtown Highland Park. Trustee Pierce stated she is very thankful to Attorney Jackson for all his hard work and effort to get this accomplished and to the Board and Staff for taking the time to hold this special meeting to move this project forward.

Attorney Jackson noted that he had not had any communication with the Attorney for the North Shore Gas Company until a few days ago.

It was moved by Trustee Swarthout and seconded by Trustee Young to approve Granting an Easement to the North Shore Gas Company.

On roll call, the vote was 5-0 with all Trustees present voting "Aye". Motion declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Trustee Carter and seconded by Trustee Young to end the Meeting.

On roll call, the vote was 5-0 with all Trustees present voting “Aye”. Motion declared carried.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at the District Office of the Raymond E. Anderson Complex located in Gurnee, Illinois.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY