

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session March 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the District's office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Rob Jacobsen, Lee Slider (via electronically in a non-voting roll), Dana Miller and Jim Gresham. Also present were Kent Newton, Interim Executive Director and Director of Administration; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance; Steve Nightingale, Director of Compliance; Christy Luka, Administrative Coordinator; and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Allison Petty from the Herald & Review, Steve Meyers from the Farnsworth Group, and Charles Craddock from Clark Dietz; and staff members Brian Tish, Sam Mattox, Jared Harris, Matthew Young and Cathy Layette.

Mr. Smallwood called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

**12775** Ms. Miller moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016; payroll and checks as submitted; the 2016-17 Budget and Appropriation public hearing date of April 20, 2016 at 5:30 PM; pretreatment permit for Caterpillar; Annexation of 2225 South Mount Zion Road and Resolution R16-01 surplus property be accepted, approved, set, and issued; that the President, Clerk, Interim Executive Director be authorized and directed to take all actions required to execute the items on the consent agenda and that the closed session minutes from February 17, 2016 not be made public without additional board approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Gresham. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's report that was included in the packet. Mr. Newton stated that County Board President, Kevin Greenfield came in for a plant tour in the last week. The District met with a professor at the University of Illinois about the feasibility of using the Decatur as the third site in a project concerning the water, energy and food nexus.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Director's Report included in the packet. Mr. Miller provided an in depth discussion of each of the pictures provided in the board packet. Mr. Miller also stated that Hampton Inn's annexation is currently being processed and should be finished by the next board meeting. The District has been working with Ameren to relocate a gravity sewer at the Fuyao (former PPG) plant due to expansion of the electric substation.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report included in the packet. Mr. Malone stated that Mark Lindgren has been covering the Maintenance Supervisor's position while Dave Sleeth is on medical leave. Mr. Malone said that Mark is doing a great job in this position.

Mr. Nightingale presented the Technical Director's Report by reviewing the Operations and Pretreatment Report included in the packet. Mr. Nightingale has discovered several improvements to the District's manifest system for trucked waste and a tax exemption for grit disposal.

Mr. Newton reviewed the Director of Administration Report included in the packet. Mr. Newton announced that the user rate will increase to \$1.39 instead of the \$1.40 that was previously recommended as suggested by Mr. Gresham at the Special meeting on March 14.

Mr. Flynn had nothing to report for this month.

**12776** Mr. Gresham moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur accept Change Order #2 to the Sludge Thickening System Replacement Project with Christy Foltz Construction, increasing the contract amount by \$31,145.00 to a new contract amount of \$4,639,849.00 with no change in contract time; and that the executive director be authorized and directed to approve said change order. Motion seconded by Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

**12777** Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for the 2015 Damon Pump Station Valve Replacement Project in accordance with the scope of work outlined in the contract documents, in the contract amount of \$128,946.00; and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Gresham. Motion carried unanimously.

Sam Mattox made a comment about working together with Kent Newtown to make the Labor Management meetings valuable for both sides during Public Comments.

There were no Trustee Comments

**12778** Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters that are statutory exceptions to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act as outlined in: Sec 2c - 1, a personnel matter concerning specific employees. Motion seconded by Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board Returned to Open Session at 6:56 pm.

**12779** Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The board adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Clerk