

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session September 21, 2016 at 5:32 pm at the District's office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Rob Jacobsen, Jim Gresham, Billy Tyus, and Phil Cochran. Also present were Kent Newton, Executive Director/CFO; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; Steve Nightingale, Director of Compliance; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance; Christy Luka, Administrative Coordinator; Dan Beck, Safety Coordinator; and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Allison Petty from the Herald & Review, Joe Pisula from Donohue and Associates, Andrea Bretl from Clark Dietz, Jeff Large from CMT, and Steve Meyers from the Farnsworth Group; Randy Hellmann, Jerd Morstatter, Robert Flacx, Cliff Bruen, and Tracie Mitchell of AFSCME; and staff members Sam Mattox, Jared Harris, Tim Gorden, Blake Dotson, Rob Mayberry, Matt Nihiser, Brent Deardorff, Randy Clark, Michael Irons, Edison Cole, Jeff Runyon, Joe Martina, Jeremy Long, Roger Dudley, Kyle Stewart, Darren Williams, Alan Ferriell, Steve Doolin, Matthew Young, Zachary Drum, Brian Tish, Todd Speckman, Boomer Neece, Marla Durst, Cathy Layette, Matthew McElroy, Robert Taylor, and Russell Hazelwonder.

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

Jeff Large introduced himself from CMT and Randy Hellman introduced himself from AFSCME.

- 12815** Mr. Gresham moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016; payroll and checks as submitted; and Annexation Ordinances 16-05 and 16-06 be accepted, approved, set, and issued; that the President, Clerk and Executive Director be authorized and directed to take all actions required to execute the items on the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beck stated that it has been 364 incident free days and wants to recognize the staff for their help in achieving this. Mr. Beck spoke on an incident that occurred at the Hickory Point Pump Station. A contractor's employee had fallen in a sinkhole and landed about twelve feet below. He was stuck for about three hours as rescue workers attempted to free him. With the help of our vactor truck and an additional vactor truck with more suction, the man was removed. He was transported by ambulance to a helicopter and taken to St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He was released that evening. SDD employees and Otto Baum met the next morning to discuss how to avoid this type of incident in the future.

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's report that was included in the packet. Audit activities have finished and the results will be presented at next month's board meeting. The HR position interviews have finished and Mr. Newton is awaiting the assessment reviews. Mr. Newton stated that there are several policies that need to be updated or added including the email policy, anti-harassment non-discrimination policy and a Child Bereavement Act policy.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Director's Report included in the packet. On the Digester Complex Project, 4 wells were removed, the floating lid was tested, and more deficiencies were discovered. The deficiencies were fixed and the lid was floated again for testing and assessment. The Sludge Thickening Project has a pressure drop on three wash water booster pumps. The impeller is worn and pumps are going to be replaced with bigger pumps. Reassessment on these pumps will be after WEFTEC. South Sludge Lagoons 8 and 9 are now empty of sludge. IEPA inspection is scheduled this Friday on Lagoon 8. A new effluent pumps should arrive the week of October 3rd. Spring Creek crossing easements are still being worked on. The Boiler and HVAC system in the Administration Building is being evaluated to improve reliability and efficiency.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report included in the packet. Maintenance has been working on two major projects during this last month. New pumps were installed to control groundwater issues. Five clarifiers have been inspected and maintenance was performed. They are working better than they have in many years. Work will continue on other clarifiers as time permits. Land application will begin tomorrow and set up for this went well. The goal is to apply a minimum of 30 million gallons, but we are hoping for about 50 million gallons. The East Interceptor will have an anti-climb screen installed. Mr. Malone said thanks to all the people who helped with the Hickory Point incident and their quick responses. All high mast LED lights have now been installed.

Mr. Nightingale presented the Technical Director's Report by reviewing the Operations and Pretreatment Report included in the packet. We had another nickel exceedance for this month. Also we have a chlorine violation as well. Chlorine residual was back in compliance within 15 minutes and there have been no further problems. Mr. Nightingale is continuing his work with the EPA to get a more agreed upon nickel amount. USEPA is asking for one more test that will cost \$9,400. On September 13th, 100 letters were sent out notifying residents of the land application beginning. Electric power reduction continues to be impressive.

- 12816** Mr. Jacobsen recommends that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve Change Order #06 to the 2015 Odor Control Upgrades – Phase 2 project with Leander Construction increasing the contract amount by \$360.93 to a new contract price of \$3,054,069.47; and increasing the contract time by 113 days; and that the executive director be authorized and directed to approve said change order. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12817** Mr. Gresham recommends that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve Change Order #01 to the 2014 Diffuser Replacement Project with Leander Construction decreasing the contract amount by \$10,690.81 to a new contract price of \$1,254,309.19; and that the executive director be authorized and directed to approve said change order. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12818** Mr. Cochran recommends that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve Change Order #03 to the Sludge Thickening System Replacement Project with Christy Foltz increasing the contract amount by \$2,097.67 to a new contract price of \$4,641,946.67 and increasing the contract time by 100 days; and that the executive director be authorized and directed to approve said change order. Motion seconded by Mr. Tyus. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Hellman, a union representative from AFSCME, spoke to the Board about their last meeting about lead man issues. Mr. Hellman felt that a lot of positive ground was covered. He encouraged the Board to be open-minded and understanding to these issues so that this can be resolved in the near future.

There were no Trustee Comments.

12819 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 - 2, collective bargaining and/or salary schedule for 1 or more groups of employees. Motion seconded by Mr. Tyus. Motion carried unanimously.

12820 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Tyus. Motion carried unanimously.

The board adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Clerk