

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session February 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, electronically, Phil Cochran, Megan Baskerville, Rob Jacobsen, and Katie Anderson. Staff present at the meeting were Kent Newton, Executive Director/CFO; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance; Dave Collard, Director of Operations and Compliance; Tina Brown, Administrative Office Coordinator and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Diane Grossenheider and electronically, Leon Downing, both from Black & Veatch.

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

13084Ms. Megan Baskerville moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes of Regular Meetings on December 16, 2020 and January 27, 2021; Payroll and Checks, including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Rescheduling the April Board Meeting Date to April 21, 2021 and May Board Meeting Date to May 26, 2021; Professional Services Agreement – 21-01 Fermenter Reactor; Change Order – 2020 Biosolids Land Application Contract; Change Order – 20-11 Brick and Masonry Repair; Contract Award – 20-07 Digester Improvements; and Pretreatment Permits for Prairie Farms Dairy/Ice Cream Specialties and Caterpillar, Inc. 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. Rob Jacobsen. **Trustees Cochran, Baskerville, Jacobsen, Anderson, and Smallwood voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. The District continues to have issues with the Post Office delivering checks to vendors. Up to six employees have already received the Covid-19 vaccine. The budget is currently being worked on. Mr. Newton received a letter from the City of Decatur requesting that the District conduct a capacity study of the Damon sewer interceptor section of the sewer system. Mr. Newton has a meeting scheduled with the city manager at 2:30 pm on March 3, 2021 to discuss the request. The city has announced they are designing a one million gallon a day pump station with a two million gallon a day wet well. The District has not allocated any capacity to the city to do that yet. There was discussion about coordinating efforts with the City.

Mr. Miller presented the Director of Engineering Report included in the packet. Mr. Miller presented rendering comparisons between brick and colored aluminum clad panels for the outside of the digesters. Discussions took place regarding the durability and the life span of the brick verses the aluminum clad. The Lake Shore Drive Pump Station Replacement project bids came in about one million dollars higher than the District expected. The District is looking into how to mitigate the overall expense of the project. The South Shores Sewer Rehab project is out for bid. Discussion took place regarding the Design Fermentation Reactor that will be overseen by Black and Veatch. The Wyckles Facility Sludge Inlet Repairs will be advertised next week in the *Herald & Review*. The Roofing project is close to being advertised. The District had a review with City Public Works and AECOM regarding plans for the sewer backups in basins 5 and 6. The District has asked the city to do a separation evaluation of their proposal.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Director of Maintenance Report included in the packet. There were 1,515 completed work orders for the month of February. Congratulations to Tiwanun Hill for completing Phase 1 of the Maintenance Training Program. Thanks to David Cunningham and the Inside/Outside Maintenance crew for doing a great job with the removal of the snow. A couple of weeks ago, the Operations staff, found a broken plant waterline by the west stormwater pump station. The necessary repairs were made to the waterline within a couple of hours. There was a failure with Heat Exchanger #1, and Jarvis Boiler & Welding came out and replaced the fire tubes with ones. There has been another delay with obtaining the replacement Ford F450. The hope is to have the truck on site and in-service by March. Comcast has been out multiple times to troubleshoot the issues the District is having with the network.

Mr. Collard presented the Director of Operations Report included in the packet. The plant is doing well despite the inclement weather. Earlier in the week, there were issues with corn germ from ADM appearing in the influent coming into the District plant. The cause of this is not yet known. Tate & Lyle had a cold weather-related system wide failure with their facility that shutdown all their production trains. This allowed for solids and organic loading into the District plant. The District has had to make use of all the Hoffman blowers to keep up with the oxygen demand. Next month, Plant Operating Graphs in the board packet will combine the BOD per million gallons with the energy graph that will bring more clarity to the graph overall.

13085 Mr. Rob Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve the Amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the 20-06 South Shores Sewer Rehab project adding construction related services in the amount of \$103,000.00 dollars to the agreement; and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said amendment. Motion seconded by Ms. Katie Anderson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13086 Mr. Phil Cochran moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, for the 20-15 Hatch Replacement Project in the contract amount \$41,335; and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Rob Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Diane Grossenheider with Black & Veatch informed the board and staff that they are looking forward to the opportunity of working with the fermenter project.

13087 Mr. Rob Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Katie Anderson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Clerk