

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session August 21, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Megan Baskerville, Rob Jacobsen, Kurt Younhouse, and Phil Cochran. Staff present at the meeting were Kent Newton, Executive Director/CFO; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance; Ashley Bailey, Director of Compliance and Innovation; Hailey Beals, Administrative Office Coordinator and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Larry Livergood, of Architectural Expressions, and David Deihl, of Black & Veatch (electronically).

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

There were no Public Comments.

The Decennial Committee on Efficiency meeting was opened. Note: Minutes of the Committee meeting are kept separately from the Board Meeting Minutes.

The Committee Meeting was closed and the Board Meeting resumed at 5:41PM.

13318Ms. Baskerville moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of July 17, 2024; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; and Annexation Ordinance A24-01 – Lot 3 Track 1 of Prairie Winds East Shafer St, Decatur be approved and that the President, Clerk, and 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 shall not be made public without additional board approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Younhouse. Mr. Cochran asked if the annexation is for a Forsyth address, and Mr. Newton responds that it is Decatur. **Trustee Smallwood, Jacobsen, Younhouse, Baskerville and Cochran voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Newton stated that we were awarded the Silver Award for having less than five NPDES violations last year, and that was delivered this week. There was discussion about interest in doing a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Administration Building. Mr. Newton stated that the September Labor Management meeting will be Thursday September 12 because he will be at a conference. Mr. Newton let the Board know we are having an employee appreciation night at the Devon, and if any board members would like tickets to let him know. Mr. Newton is working with IAWA on proposed changes to the Sanitary District Act of 1917 that would save residents and the District money regarding bonds issues for permit compliance construction.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Miller stated that we are wrapping up the Fermentation Reactor Pilot project, and we'll be returning it to Rain for Rent. The procurement for installation of Primary Clarifier 4 & 6 is out for bid. Mr. Miller let the Board know that Mr. Livergood was available to discuss the bids for the Administration Building under Old Business. Mr. Miller gave an update regarding the Digester Cover Replacement, the material price for a stainless steel lid was over \$2.7M and the cost of a carbon steel lid was \$1M. The District had only budgeted 2.5 M for the entire project based on the replacement of the Digester #3 lid. The nature of the lid floats on the gas, rather than

sludge like the current lid, but it is still moisture due to the nature of the environment. Mr. Miller informed the Board of small updates regarding ongoing projects.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Malone wanted to emphasize his thanks and gratitude to Mark Lindgren and Vincent McCauley for their years of service, dedication, and sharing their knowledge with their respective replacements. The maintenance group completed 606 work orders in the last month with a focus on a Godwin trailer-mounted pump, which had a complete rebuild. The sewer cleaning crew of Sam Mattox, Brian Casch, Todd Speckman and Rob Fleming did a great job with the interceptor located along Lake Decatur, removing approximately 7 tons of grit, roots, and material from the 9,000 ft of the pipe. Mr. Malone let the Board know about the used easement machine we purchased. Mr. Malone also let the Board know that we finally wrapped up the installation of the 054 Building motor control center, which took longer than anticipated due to the current shortage of electricians. Once Bodine got the installation done, I&C and Operations got everything dialed in and up and running. Mr. Malone informed the Board that we got our first payment from FEMA. Mr. Malone stated that we have two people from Innovative Staff Solutions working as temporary custodial staff who are making an effort and taking feedback.

Ms. Bailey presented the Compliance and Innovation Report included in the packet. Ms. Bailey stated that disinfection is continuing to go really well, and hopefully we will get a Gold award for this season. Ms. Bailey stated that Keith Richard took a deep dive into prices for laboratory services that haven't been updated since 2009. We will be looking at adjusting prices accordingly. We have had new employees – Elisha Brownlow is doing great in Operations, and Brett Prater is doing great in the Lab. Geosyntec has still been doing the work for our NARP and Watershed Group. We met with the Sangamon County Water Reclamation who are not creating a Watershed Group due to lack of interest, as that appears to be the case for ours as well. Ms. Bailey let the Board know that we do have upcoming meetings with the City and ADM regarding integrative planning. We will be meeting with Black & Veatch next week to discuss the results from the Pilot project.

13319 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve Change Order 01 to the Sodium Bisulfite Building Tuckpoint project decreasing the contract amount by (\$5,000) to a new contract amount of \$54,000.00 and that the executive director be authorized and directed to execute said change order. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13320 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into an agreement with Christy-Foltz, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, for the construction of the 044 Building Safety Improvements Project in the contract amount of \$84,650.00 and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13321 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into an agreement with Christy-Foltz, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, for the construction of the new Administrative Workforce Center in the contract amount of \$14,961,550.00 pending final attorney review and obtaining applicable documents and permits, and that the president and clerk be authorized to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. Mr. Livergood entertained a Q&A session with the Board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no New Business, Closed Session, Attorney Report, or Public Comments.

13322Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Clerk