

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session September 21, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Phil Cochran, Rob Jacobsen, Megan Baskerville and Kurt Younghouse. 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; and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Kevin Hannel with Farnsworth Group.

13191 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2022; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Pretreatment Permits for Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Mueller North Foundry; and Update of the Family Medical Leave Act Policy; Annexation Ordinance A22-01 and Annexation Ordinance A22-02 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 Ms. Baskerville. **Trustees Cochran, Baskerville, Jacobsen, Younghouse, and Smallwood voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. The school outreach is going to start September 22. Keith Richard, Matt Nihiser, and Matt Patricio, our new chemist, will be making the presentations to all entry level biology classes at Eisenhower High School. DCC Marketing is talking to the school district representatives about a press release about the collaboration between District 61 and the District. The District is making some headway with filling open positions. Sheri Hagen, HR Coordinator, is planning to attend an operator conference and have a booth to potentially bring someone into the District that might have experience. The audit will be included under Old Business at next month's board meeting and will need to be approved in October. The board meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday next month, October 26.

Mr. Miller presented the Director of Engineering Report included in the packet. The contractor has been proceeding with the digester complex improvements. Mr. Miller provided a picture and discussed the work being done. An update on the Lake Shore Pump Station project was provided. The pump station is currently operating. Bids for the front gate, fence, and road repairs will be opened on October 4. Primary Clarifier #5 Replacement project and the Replacement of Sludge Transfer Pump are out for bid. The De-chlorination Facilities (Bisulfite Tanks Replacement) is planned to go out for bid this week as well. Mr. Miller discussed the upcoming East Headworks Grit Flow Modeling project. The 259 Pump Station Valve Replacement project options were discussed.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Director of Maintenance Report included in the packet. The maintenance department completed 655 work orders in this last month. Maintenance on Primary Clarifier #5 and #6 have been completed and the department is working on Primary Clarifier #4. The department welcomed Lance Smith as a laborer. He has a strong maintenance and operator background. In February, the Federal Government changed the rules for obtaining a CDL. If someone has not had a CDL previously, they will now need to obtain federally regulated entry level driver training. J.J. Keller & Associates will be providing train-the-trainer training for the District's employees. Mid to late October, the installation of the 210 MCC installation will take place. Work on the native prairie has started. Thanks go

out to Jamey Oliver for all his work at the Lake Shore Pump Station project. Mr. Malone discussed the issues with an inoperable valve outside the 259 building.

Mr. Collard presented the Director of Operations Report included in the packet. Appreciation goes out to Black & Veatch for keeping the District on schedule. There has been a lot of news and EPA discussion about regulation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS): perfluorootanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). This could be very expensive on the District's land application operations. The District has collected samples and has set them out for testing. The results should come back the first week of October. Mr. Collard informed the Board that staff was investigating obtaining the equipment to have the ability to run testing in-house if it becomes required on a frequent basis.

13191 Mr. Cochran moved that the Ordinance No. 22-05, Amending Sections 3.3 B and C of Ordinance 21-05 and adding Section 3.3 I to Ordinance 21-05 be approved, and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to sign said ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13192 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract with Neumann Company, the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the Water Tower Painting project in the contract amount of \$197,200 and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13193 Mr. Cochran moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Clerk