

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, January 24, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session January 24, 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, Kurt Younghouse. Board Member Phil Cochran called into the meeting in a non-voting role. Staff present at the meeting were Kent Newton, Executive Director/CFO; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance (electronically); Ashley Bailey, Director of Compliance and Innovation (electronically); Hailey Beals, Administrative Office Coordinator and Patrick Sullivan, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Andrea Bretl, of Clark Dietz, Bently Green and Todd Archer, both of Black & Veatch (electronically), and staff member Kevin Johnson.

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

Mr. Johnson introduced himself as the new Project Manager for the Engineering Department.

Ms. Bretl presented the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award for the Lakeshore Drive lift station replacement.

13280 Mr. Younghouse moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2023; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; 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. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Trustee Smallwood, Baskerville, and Younghouse voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Newton stated that Blake Dotson is filling in as the interim mechanical maintenance supervisor as we progress through the hiring process for Mark Lindgren's replacement. Mr. Newton has signed our second sponsorship agreement with the Decatur Park District and the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater. Mr. Newton announced that we are working on obtaining a vanity telephone number in the new Central Illinois 447 Area Code.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Miller stated the District was planning on starting the flow into the Fermentation Reactor Pilot today, but with today's events the flow will start tomorrow. Mr. Miller presented the floorplan for the new Administrative Complex. Mr. Miller stated that our previous well cleaning, did nothing to help with the Dewatering of our clarifiers. Mr. Miller stated we will be working with Martha Silks to drill 6 more wells, for dewatering. Trustee Cochran asked Mr. Miller why there is such a large difference in the price of the Faries Park Interceptor Relocation original estimate and the actual bid. Mr. Miller stated the City of Decatur is managing the project and he will get the information and provide it to the Board.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report that was included in the packet. The maintenance group completed 606 work orders in the last month, with a concentration on cleaning up Beehive. Mr. Malone is looking forward to having Mark Lindgren's assistance, with his 30 years of experience. Mr. Malone, Early West, and Sam Mattox are currently attending the Wastewater Equipment Treatment and Transport show in Indianapolis. The show has a concentration on sewer cleaning and outside pump station instrumentation. Mr. Mattox told Mr. Malone to relay that he is very grateful to be attending. Mr. Malone has reworked the motor control replacement plan, and he is going to coordinate the plan with Black and Veatch. Mr. Malone stated that we have received the New Ford F250, and we are

just waiting on the truck to be lettered. Mr. Malone stated that even though our Buildings and Grounds crew are new, the guys did a great job with being proactive with the ice and snow we've had recently.

Ms. Bailey presented the Compliance and Innovation Report included in the packet. Ms. Bailey stated that she is happy to be back after 12 short weeks of maternity leave, and she is still getting caught up. Ms. Bailey stated that she is happy to announce that Land Application is complete, with 21.4MG being dispersed. Ms. Bailey stated that we submitted the necessary paperwork documenting the feasibility of the .5mg phosphorus limit to the IEPA. Ms. Bailey shared that we also submitted our monthly DMR's, our annual fiscal report, our second semiannual sludge report, and the non-hazardous waste annual report. Ms. Bailey stated that going into February, she will get the chemical bids posted. Primient is under an executive order, and still released a high amount of BOD.

Steve Arant gave an update on the Nutrient Program. Mr. Arant will give a more extensive update when Mr. Cochran and Mr. Jacobsen are both present for the board meeting. Todd Archer of Black & Veatch announced that he is the new Project Manager, and he has 15 years in wastewater treatment experience.

13281 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into an agreement with LRE Water for the Plant Groundwater Dewatering System Study in the actual cost not to exceed agreement amount of \$65,000 contingent upon attorney review and approval, and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13282 Mr. Younghouse moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur issue a purchase order to Kirby Risk (sole supplier of Allen Bradley equipment in this area) for the purchase of a full replacement motor control center for the 054 Building in the amount of \$88,05.00 + freight – and that the executive director be authorized and directed to execute said purchase order. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13283 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur issue a purchase order to Morrow Brothers Ford for the purchase of (1) 2025 Ford F750 2WD Cab & Chassis w/ 10ft Dump Body (State Contract #21-416CMS-P-29479) in the amount of \$129,810.00 – and that the executive director be authorized and directed to execute said purchase order. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mr. Cochran inquired about the water main break that occurred at the plant today, and Mr. Miller provided the Board an update regarding the situation.

13284 Mr. Younghouse moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Clerk