

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session September 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood and Phil Cochran; electronically, 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 Leon Downing from Black & Veatch.

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

Ms. Grossenheider and Mr. Downing introduced themselves to the board and staff.

**13070**Mr. Cochran moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes of Regular Meeting on August 19, 2020; Payroll and Checks, including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Resolution R20-01 a resolution approving and determining the need for confidentiality of minutes of closed meetings 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. Smallwood. **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. New financial report statements were provided in the board packet this month. Money from the Busey Wealth Management account is being transferred to the general account temporarily due to a better short-term interest rate. A Labor Management meeting will be held on September 24, 2020. On November 3, 2020, General Election Day, the SDD office will be closed to the public, in recognition of Public Act 1010-0642 pending the outcome of third-party litigation. The day will not be considered a paid holiday for District employees. Since there has been progress made with the agreement with the IEPA on the language for the draft permit, SDD will begin reaching out to the environmental groups and with the District's attorneys to discuss the proposed permit requirements.

Mr. Miller presented the Director of Engineering Report included in the packet. Bids were taken for the 20-03 Sewer Cleaning Project. The bids came back very high and staff has recommended to reject all bids. Consideration is being given to having the cleaning completed by SDD staff. The District is in the process of determining what equipment and additional staff may be needed to complete the work. The 2020 Roads and Site Work Project was also bid out this last month. Photos were provided of the process being made at the North Stormwater Drainage at the plant. Regarding updates for the South Shores Interceptor Rehab, there are some issues that have developed due to unanticipated permanent easements in the Fisherman's Wharf area. The Floating Cover Replacement is proceeding as planned. A request has been made with Donohue & Associates for a bid for a single deck lid instead of a dual deck lid. The District did receive a 50% Design Review document for the Lake Shore Pump Station Rebuild. Once District staff review the document, Mr. Miller will set-up a meeting with ADM, who also shares a force main with the District, to discuss with them the design review. Regarding the Roofing Project, there was not anything out of the norm that

was encountered with the inspection of the roofs. Specifications for repairs are being developed. Most of the roofs will have a new topcoat placed on them. Masonry work is planned for two buildings (054 and 017) in the plant. This project is currently out for bid. Discussion took place concerning the request from Ameren Illinois to have a Transmission line easement adjacent to and along the SDD Damon Avenue force main. Mr. Miller will follow-up with Ameren Illinois before a recommendation is brought to the board for approval. Mr. Miller will be meeting September 24, 2020 with the City and the design firm regarding their plans with expansion to unsewered areas.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Director of Maintenance Report included in the packet. There were 1,003 completed work orders for the month of August. Congratulations to Thomas McGarry for finishing the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the maintenance training. Wes Littrell is close behind. Thanks to Clay Gerhard, with the Decatur Park District, for allocating to the District two of his staff members to spray unwanted vegetation around the SDD plant and the Wyckles plant. David Cunningham is the new Groundskeeper. He has been a great addition to the staff. Sam Mattox and John Mitsdarffer and been doing a great job with the North Drainage Maintenance Project. A pre-quote meeting was held for the chute modifications for installation of the replacement washer/compactors in the 203 building. E.L. Pruitt and King-Lar were the only two who provided quotes. E.L. Pruitt provided the lowest quote and will be completing the project for the District.

Mr. Collard presented the Director of Operations Report included in the packet. The IEPA has modified language in the draft permit and the District has no objections to the language. Mr. Collard is hopeful that permit will be posted for public notice for comments. J. Oros Environmental is starting biosolids applications next week. The District has been nominated for Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works in the Group 1 category. Mr. Collard wanted to commend all staff for how well the plant has been performing to receive this nomination. The District is reaching out to the manufacturers of the IDEXX test to assist in the research of the false positive results obtained from sample testing. The spike on the BOD on August 25, 2020 was due to a faulty sampler.

**13071** Ms. Anderson moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter a contract with Dunn Company, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, for the 20-09 Roads and Sitework Project (Division A) in the contract amount \$265,342 and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**13072** Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur issue a purchase order to Randall Industries, Inc. for three (3) Club Car Carryall 411 Electric Utility Vehicles, in the amount of \$65,416.95. Motion seconded by Ms. Anderson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There were no Attorney Report or comments from the Public.

**13073** Mr. Cochran moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Smallwood. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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Clerk