

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session March 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Rob Jacobsen, Kurt Younghouse, Megan Baskerville, and Phil Cochran. Board Member Rob Jacobsen called into the meeting in a voting role. 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 Tracy Herrman Coker and Patrick Radabauth (electronically) and Steve Arant, of Black and Veatch.

13220 Mr. Younghouse moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session on February 15, 2023; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted 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 and that the Closed Session Minutes shall not be made public without additional board approval. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Trustee Smallwood, Jacobsen and Cochran voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Flynn discussed the Local Efficiency Government Act. Mr. Newton discussed professional services agreement from marketing and communications. Mr. Newton stated that the District has drafted a letter to the City of Decatur explaining the options for connecting the proposed storm sewers in Basin 5 & 6. Mr. Newton discussed rescheduling the May board meeting from May 24 to May 17, to provide 30 days between the May and June meetings for public review of the proposed budget. Mr. Newton informed the board of proposed legislation to increase the bidding requirement amount from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and that there were 12 different bills dealing with PFAS, that have been consolidated down to 5 bills. All the proposed state bills are based on pending Federal regulations. Mr. Newton received concurrence to schedule a budget meeting on April 5 at 5 pm. Mr. Newton discussed the \$.10 user fee increase in the budget. Mr. Newton will be in Sacramento, California for the week of March 27-31 for the Utility Management Conference.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Miller discussed the digester complex. Mr. Miller touched on the front gate project, stating that Christy Foltz is finishing up. Mr. Smallwood complimented the gate. Mr. Miller discussed the Sanitary District staff meeting with Mr. Flynn and Dixon Engineering regarding the water tower painting project. Mr. Miller touched on the Administrative Office master plan selection. The Sanitary District has settled on Burns McDonnell & Architectural Expressions Team as our first choice, Dewberry Architects as our second choice, and HDR as our third choice. Mr. Miller recommended to the board that we go ahead with negotiations with Byrnes McDonald. Mr. Miller discussed that the frac tank pilot project bids are out, and we will probably see it in the paper this week. It is also live on questcdn.com.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report that was included in the packet. The maintenance department completed 535 work orders in the last month. Mr. Malone welcomed Bud Claypool and Robert Fleming to the District, as new building and groundskeepers. The Sanitary District is glad to have them. Mr. Malone congratulated Michael Fischer for passing his first part of the maintenance training program, and Lance Smith and Brian Casch for passing their second part of the maintenance training program.

Mr. Malone stated that we are starting to see availability in vehicles. The Sanitary District is looking at purchasing a Chevy Equinox. Mr. Malone discussed that we would like to shop locally, but if we have to go elsewhere due to availability we will. Mr. Malone stated the 210 motor control center is 90% complete, and he will have pictures next month. Mr. Malone discussed that the Oreana #2 ground grid system is now complete, and hopefully it will avoid a future lightning strike. Mr. Malone praised the auction for being so successful, bringing in about \$250,000. Mr. Malone discussed the Damon Avenue lift station.

Ms. Bailey presented the Operations and Compliance Reports included in the packet. Ms. Bailey welcomed Austin Gruber to the Sanitary District, the new Pretreatment Administrator. Ms. Bailey stated we had our CSO Annual Publication meeting today, with 5 employees from the District and no one from the public. Ms. Bailey discussed the land application and biosolids. Ms. Bailey stated that she, Mr. Newton, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Gordon met with Oros Environmental regarding operating our dredge, since we are only operating it for 3 months out of the year which isn't ideal. Ms. Bailey elaborated that with the help of Black and Veatch, we were able to get the final PDOP submitted, the feasibility progress report submitted, and the NARP progress report submitted, well before the deadline. Ms. Bailey congratulated Brandi Rosenburger and Raven Durbin for passing their Class 3 operator test, and Chuck Roberts for passing his class 4 test. Ms. Bailey and Mr. Richards attended the first pretreatment work group. Ms. Bailey discussed a tour being held at the Sanitary District on Friday March 24 with professor Greg McIsaac of U of I.

13221 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve Amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with Black and Veatch to the Nutrient Program Management Agreement increasing the amount by \$310,590 to a total actual cost Not-To-Exceed amount of \$6,272,830 and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said amendment. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There were no additional Attorney or Public Comments

Mr. Cochran thanked Steve Arant for the work Black and Veatch has been providing to the District.

13222 Mr. Younghouse moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Cochran. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Clerk