

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session August 16, 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 Younhouse, Megan Baskerville 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 & Innovation; Hailey Beals, Administrative Office Coordinator and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Steve Arant, with Black & Veatch, and Kevin Hannel, with Farnsworth, and staff member Tishia Greve.

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 5:37PM

13257 Mr. Younhouse moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2023 and Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted 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, Younhouse, Jacobsen and Cochran voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Newton noted that the Sanitary District is receiving much higher interest rates and stated that we obtained almost as much this month as we would in an entire year when interest rates were near the lowest rates.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report that was included in the packet. Mr. Miller commented that the Sanitary District is moving forward with the Fermentation Reactor Pilot Project, with the scheduled contractor being Burdick, Plumbing & Heating. He explained that the Administrative Office Complex design contract of \$938,000.00 being presented is much more within our budget than the negotiated amounts with the other design firms. Mr. Miller touched on the Lost Bridge force main renewal. Mr. Miller mentioned that the dewatering well cleaning has been very difficult on the maintenance group and the District was searching for an contractor do perform the work. Mr. Miller discussed the intergovernmental activity, regarding the northeast quadrant planning the wastewater activity with ADM and the City. Mr. Miller has spent a lot of time with ADM and their service partners, and what will be coming to the district regarding wastewater. Mr. Miller stated the City should be able to move forward on the Brush College Lift Station very soon. Mr. Miller also touched on several projects that will be launching soon. Mr. Miller closed with stating that the Seal Coat Road Repair will be finished by the time of the next board meeting.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report that was included in the packet. The maintenance group completed 569 work orders within the last month, largely focusing on clarifier maintenance and outdoor work while the weather is still nice. Mr. Malone stated

that Ford is opening back up the order windows for vehicles. Mr. Malone observed that we budget accordingly to historical price trends, but vehicle prices have increased more than we anticipated. The vehicle replacement plan will be reworked to fit within budget constraints. Live animal trapping around the plant is still ongoing with 21 animals having been trapped at this point. Mr. Malone touched on the chlorine analyzers. Blocked and junk emails have dropped down closer to historical levels. Mr. Malone thanked Jamey Oliver for filling in for the I&C Supervisor who recently retired.

Ms. Bailey presented the Compliance and Innovation Report included in the packet. The Sanitary District hosted Central Illinois Professional Wastewater Operators (CIPWO) in July, and we had about 40 operators & vendors here for the meeting. The District had a permit exceedance for fecal coliform of over 1,600 CFU's over the limit. The District had no known issues with the disinfection system or chemicals and was informed of a disruption with industrial pretreatment so industrial interference disrupting the disinfection process is the suspected reason why the amount was so high. The notice from the industrial customer was not received soon enough and the operators had to go into reaction mode vs. preventative mode. Illinois EPA was notified immediately after the violation was determined. Ms. Bailey informed the Board of the next meeting with ADM regarding their plan for nutrient removal and that the District had already met with Primient, and that it went well.

13258 Mr. Cochran moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Application Engineering Services for the Pilot Fermentation Reactor in the amount of \$58,600.00 and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13259 Mr. Younghouse moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Architectural Expressions for the Design and Construction related Services of the Administration Building and Laboratory Replacement in the actual cost not to exceed amount of \$938,000.00 and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There were no attorney, public or Trustee comments.

13260 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Clerk