

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session November 16, at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Phil Cochran, Megan Baskerville, Kurt Younhouse, and electronically in a voting capacity, Rob Jacobsen. 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; electronically, Tina Brown, Administrative Office Coordinator; and Ed Flynn, General Counsel for the District.

13200 Ms. Baskerville moved that that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 26, 2022; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Pretreatment Permit Amendment - Fuyao Glass Illinois, Inc; Resolution R22-04 – Transfer of funds and Resolution R22- 05 – Review of Closed Session Minutes 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. Younhouse. **Trustees Cochran, Baskerville, Jacobsen, Younhouse, and Smallwood voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Cash had grown considerably in our bank account, and the District is going to start investing again. The District received the final loan paperwork for the South Shores Interceptor project. The final project cost was \$409,000 less than authorized and the repayment schedule has been reduced to reflect the savings. The Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon was held today, and Mr. Younhouse attended and had an opportunity to meet employees. Mr. Newton informed trustees about the Utility Management Conference that will be held March 28-31, 2023. Mr. Cochran asked if there had ever been a finance committee the trustees had been involved in. Mr. Flynn said there never has been.

Mr. Miller presented the Director of Engineering Report included in the packet. Once the final report has been received for the East Headworks Grit Modeling, Mr. Miller will present a video on the model. The District did issue the grit classifier conveyor replacement purchase order this last month. Mr. Miller is close to having the final negotiations completed with Clark Dietz on the Force Main Replacement. A letter from Black & Veatch discussing the purpose of the fermenter pilot project was presented to the Board. The construction cost for the pilot project is approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Miller went into more detail of the infrastructure that would be taking place. Mr. Cochran followed up with Mr. Miller on the status of taking action with Christy Foltz regarding the Lake Shore Pump Station project.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Director of Maintenance Report include in the packet. The maintenance department completed 639 work orders this last month. Mr. Malone presented pictures of the Wyckles sludge incident and the response to it. The sludge did not make it to the river. Discussion took place regarding preventative action for the Wyckles facility moving forward. Mr. Malone gave an update on the improvements made with the internet connection at the District.

Mr. Collard presented the Director of Operations Report included in the packet. Mr. Collard stated a correction on the Plant Effluent Report table. The Total Nickel, mg/L was 0.015 not 0.013 for Reported Values. Mr. Collard gave an update on the sludge operation. Joseph Lundin is a new Operator in Training for the department. Mr. Collard reviewed with the board the

discussions that took place with Geosyntec and Black & Veatch regarding the preliminary data for the river study.

13201 Mr. Cochran moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract with Plocher Construction, the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the Primary Clarifier #5 Replacement project in the total contract amount of \$1,155,600 and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13202 Mr. Younghouse moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating, the lowest responsive responsible bidder for the Sludge Transfer Pump Replacement project in the total contract amount of \$303,574 and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13203 Mr. Younghouse moved that the Ordinance No. 22-06 – Tax Levy for FY 2023-24, be passed and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to sign said ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13204 Ms. Baskerville moved that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters that are statutory exceptions to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act as outline in: Sec 2c - 2, Collective Bargaining and/or Salary Schedule For 1 or More Groups of Employees and Sec 2c – 11, Litigation. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13205 Ms. Baskerville moved that the board return to open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13206 Mr. Cochran moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Younghouse **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Clerk