

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of May 17, 2023

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

Board members present; Stephen Brand, President; Adam Leach, Vice President; David Smith, Board Member; and Tim Overton, Board Member. Excused absence; Michael Wolfe, Board Secretary.

Department managers and staff present; John Barlow, District Administrator; Jason Ingram, WPCF Superintendent; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; Thom Noble, Director of Engineering; Tim Stover, IT Administrator; John Anderson, District Engineer; Harvey Wright, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent; Jason Donati, Sustainability Coordinator; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: Rick Yencer.

Consideration of Minutes: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Leach moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of May 3, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed (4-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$632,472.38. Mr. Leach stated a claim on page four that there is an IT project for City Hall rewiring. He stated this was for rewiring of the fiber network for the Sanitary offices in City Hall, it did not include any city wiring. Mr. Leach stated the claim was for \$11,881.72. He stated a claim on page eight for a CDL class B for Landon Hines, totaling \$2,995.00. Mr. Leach stated this is a new requirement, called early learners drivers training. He stated it has become significantly more challenging to get people their CDL license if they are brand new. Mr. Leach stated it requires about 80 hours of seat time plus an established classroom training course which is challenging for any group to offer in-house unless they have a lot of drivers. HE stated this will probably be a continuing expense as we bring people in. Mr. Brand stated a claim for a blower totaling \$10,000 that was repaired at the plant. He stated the VFD was replaced for \$34,883.00. Mr. Brand reminded the public that once the claims are approved and signed by the board they are posted online as well as the meeting minutes. Mr. Overton moved to approve the consideration of claims. Mr. Leach provided second. Motion passed (4-0).

District Administrator Update – John Barlow. Mr. Barlow stated that he, Mr. Leach, and several consultants had a walk through on site at the future cutoff levee near the Phillips quarry and East Jackson Street area. He stated this is part of the project that will comply with the Corps of Engineers requirements for either improvement of the current levee or some new levee that will take place in their satisfaction of level of protection for downtown. Mr. Barlow stated the Touch a Truck event for this year will be Friday, June 9th, with a rain date of Friday, June 16th. He stated this will be located at the High Street Point directly across from City Hall, where the old driving academy, etc. have been demolished. Mr. Barlow stated there will be refreshments available as well as vehicles and machines. He stated Phil Reagon informed him that we received over \$73,000 for alternative fuel tax credits, that brings our total up to over \$478,000. Mr. Barlow stated this is for our CNG usage, credit from the IRS. Mr. Barlow stated that Phil Reagon and Jason Donati attended the ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies) annual awards meeting for excellence in design, Muncie Sanitary District and Beam, Longest, Neff Engineers were runners up for the state for the design of the Sanitation facility out on MLK.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Brand stated that at the last meeting Mr. Leach brought up the reminder that safety is number one. He stated there is a lot of work going on by the Sanitary District and the Street Department. Mr. Brand stated to please pay attention, be respectful, and be aware that those folks work and live here in our community, their safety is important. He stated that he received a report that some people drove around some of our maintenance barricades. Mr. Brand stated please be careful and remember safety is first.

Public Comments:

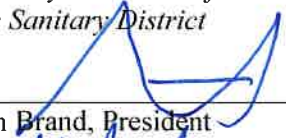
1. Rick Yencer stated that John brought up the levee project that keeps humming around over there on the eastside of town, some property owners have some questions about whether they are going to be assessed, whether utility customers or other taxpayers are going to have to pay for that. He stated that it sounds like a multimillion-dollar job regardless of what the federal government wants or what the Sanitary District does. Mr. Yencer stated that he thinks there needs to be some kind of public hearing on whatever that is going to be. He stated that he knows you are going to spend millions, he knows that in the past the Sanitary District has spent millions to keep the river clean, to keep everything running with the CSO agreement that they signed, and it has indebted taxpayers millions. Mr. Yencer stated that if you would like to tell us what you are going to do with that we would sure like to know. Mr. Brand thanked Mr. Yencer for his comments.

Adjourn: Mr. Brand stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Brand stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Leach made a motion to adjourn the meeting for May 17, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,


Maggie Balés, Executive Office Manager

*Approved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
Muncie Sanitary District*


Stephen Brand, President


Adam Leach, Vice President


Tim Overton, Board Member


Michael Wolfe, Secretary


David Smith, Board Member