

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of April 2, 2025

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

Board members present; Adam Leach, President; Tim Overton, Vice President; David Smith, Secretary; Aaron Clark, Board Member; and Steve Selvey, Board Member.

Department managers and staff present; Rick Conrad, District Administrator; Joe Rhetts, Legal Counsel; Chuck Jones, Director of BWQ; John Anderson, District Engineer; Thom Noble, Director of Engineering; Richard Ivy, HR Director; Melanie Lanich, Insurance Administrator; Jason Donati, Sanitation Superintendent; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Consideration of March 19th, 2025, Board Minutes. Mr. Leach entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Overton moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of March 19, 2025. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Mr. Leach abstained from the vote. The motion was passed (4-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Leach entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$406,791.69. Mr. Selvey moved to approve the consideration of the claims. Mr. Smith provided a second. Motion passed (5-0).

District Administrator Update – Rick Conrad. Mr. Conrad stated that the superintendent of the Water Pollution Control Facility, Jason Ingram, should be acknowledged. He stated that the superintendent at the treatment plant had been facing frustration for getting vital repairs made to the treatment plant earlier that week. Mr. Conrad stated that, over the last four weeks, there had been discussions about a leak in a pipe that was very nearly catastrophic, but it had been prevented without any serious consequences—other than some lost sleep and frightened nerves. He stated that everything should be up and running and ready for the heavier rain that were expected. Mr. Conrad stated that he had been watching the weather and noted that slightly less rain than anticipated—about an inch less—was expected, which was good, as the engineering crew and Thom Noble’s group had been approaching the threshold where flooding might have occurred. He stated that things are looking better, but a lot of rain was still expected. Mr. Conrad stated that an inch of rain was expected to come that night on already saturated ground, with possibly more rain in the coming days. He stated that everyone should remember to frequently check nearby storm drains to ensure they were not clogged, especially during this time of year. Mr. Conrad stated that doing so would help protect the neighborhood. He stated that they would be responding if needed. Mr. Conrad stated that there were no current road closures due to MSD work. He stated that on Friday, employee training for municipal stormwater employees would be held. Mr. Conrad stated that this training would take place on Friday of this week, as part of a mandated program to ensure that the department was doing its part to prevent any small pollution. He stated that starting April 7th, Monday, all new connections to the Sanitary District, for those moving into the area and setting up new services, would require an additional security deposit of \$135.00. Mr. Conrad stated that this would be processed directly through the sewage billing office, along with the bills. He stated that by starting the Indiana American Water account begins service with MSD and the \$135 security deposit would be placed on the first bill. Mr. Conrad stated that this measure was intended to help address unpaid final bills from those who moved out and did not settle their accounts. He stated that if anyone was moving out, they should call the billing office, and the security deposit would be managed and settled. Mr. Conrad stated that Jason Donati from Sanitation and Recycling provided an update. He stated that they had selected the first round of spring

neighborhood cleanups. Mr. Conrad stated that the dates and locations for these cleanups were as follows: May 3rd: Old West End, Industry, Thomas Park, South Central; May 10th: McKinley, Riverside, Morningside, Whitely; May 17th: Southside, East Central. He stated that there would be no other cleanups until fall. Mr. Conrad stated that anyone interested in participating should stay tuned for further updates. Mr. Smith asked for an estimate of the cost of the cleanup event mentioned. Mr. Conrad stated that for the emergency fees, the estimate was somewhere near \$300,000. He stated that the equipment had to be brought in immediately. Mr. Conrad stated that if the leak had continued and not been controlled, they probably would have lost the four main pumps at the treatment plant, which would have led to a shutdown. He stated that additional pumps were called in immediately to bypass the leak, as it was going to grow. Mr. Conrad stated that this was the estimate, and it was a pretty quick fix. He stated that the work was completed in a matter of a couple of weeks.

Department Head Update – None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

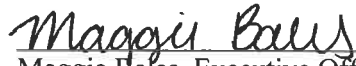
1. Resolution 2025-04 Amending an Existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Muncie – Rick Conrad. Mr. Conrad stated that there had been a previous agreement with the police department to use the CNG gas station to help install equipment on the vehicles so that they could run on natural gas, with an agreed amount for that service. He stated that the goal was for the vehicles to use CNG to get the actual treatment based on the current usage. Mr. Conrad stated that the alternative which had been proposed was to erase that debt in exchange for five of the CNG vehicles that had been distributed around the district. He stated that most likely, at sanitation where the CNG station was located, but this agreement was to erase that obligation for the fee in exchange for the CNG. Mr. Clark clarified that the use has dwindled and that the police department is switching to other vehicle options. Mr. Conrad stated that is correct. Mr. Leach stated that generally, a vehicle will stay in a police fleet for about five to seven years, so many of these vehicles that were paid for are slowly being aged out of the fleet, meaning this number will continue to decrease. He stated that this was really just a way to clear the books with everyone. Mr. Leach stated that it was not a great deal entered into by Muncie Sanitary District years ago, prior to Mayor Ridenour's administration, we have to deal with the cards that they were dealt. He stated that was all he had to say on that matter. Mr. Leach entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04. Mr. Smith moved to approve. Mr. Leach provided second. Motion passed (5-0).

Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Leach stated that again, everyone should be on the lookout, especially for the engineering guys, as the storm hopefully does not turn out to be much, but those guys will be out in the street pumping things down and trying to handle issues like busted drains, clogs, and other obstacles. He stated that everyone should just be cognizant that those workers need to be safe. Mr. Leach stated that they were trying to do what they could for the public, and the appreciation for those workers was also acknowledged. He stated that those workers are out there, sometimes after hours, away from their families, doing what was needed to keep things clear. Mr. Leach stated that it was a challenging job, and they were thankful for the workers who do it.

Adjourn: Mr. Leach stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Leach stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting for April 2, 2025. Mr. Leach seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

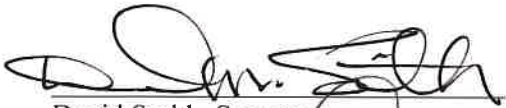
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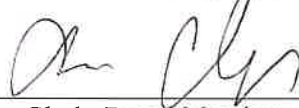
Adam Leach, President



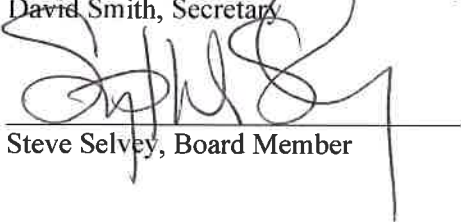
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