

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of April 30, 2025

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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; Jason Ingram, WPCF Superintendent; Tim Stover, IT Administrator; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Consideration of April 16th, 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 April 16, 2025. Mr. Selvey seconded the motion. The motion was passed (4-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Leach entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$1,134,715.71. Mr. Leach stated that on page 5 of 12, there is a \$24,068.80 river cleanup from Coop's Lawn and Landscape. He stated this is in addition to our regular river cleanups. Mr. Leach stated this is mostly due to river flooding because it was within the levee area. He stated it goes over the trail, so we have to clean it up. Mr. Selvey moved to approve the consideration of the claims. Mr. Clark provided a second. Motion passed (4-0).

District Administrator Update – Mr. Conrad stated just a few updates today. He stated we start with the traffic sewer replacement going on Petty between Briar and Wayne. Mr. Conrad stated he believes the elected intersection between Briar and Petty is now open. He stated we also have a few closures on North Oakwood between McGalliard and Purdue. Mr. Conrad stated we have some flaggers out on North Everett just south of Twickingham due to a leak. He stated that in the last year or so, we have had a lot of anticipated surprises and first times for things. Mr. Conrad stated this is one where we had a sewer line that was made in-house, which is something we usually outsource for repair. He stated Thom Noble and Jason Ingram tackled this problem and probably saved us \$90,000 on repairs by getting that done. Mr. Conrad stated at this point we are just doing a little bit of cleanup. He stated you all really have great department heads; the folks you have here. Mr. Conrad stated when problems come up, they have themselves right at it. He stated the results have been great, so he just wants to make sure to acknowledge them. Mr. Conrad stated our non-department head employees have stormwater training this Friday. He stated this was rescheduled from last month due to anticipated bad weather. Mr. Conrad stated to accommodate the schedule; it was moved to this week. He stated the Cardinal Greenway, and the Ball Brothers Foundation are going to be having a groundbreaking at the Kitselman Gateway on East Jackson Street today around 3:30. Mr. Conrad stated this is to begin work on the project. He stated their project is to be right next to the tieback weather reconstruction as well. Mr. Clark stated thanks again to our engineering team. He stated that cost savings is a wonderful thing. Mr. Clark stated also, just to minimize downtime and disruption of service. He stated he is not waiting for some contractor to make those repairs. Mr. Clark stated three teams in housing were readily available. Mr. Leach stated a thank you to Jason Ingram and Thom Noble on their good work.

Department Head Update – None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2025-05 Declaratory Resolution – Sarah Carroll, Ice Miller. Ms. Carroll stated she is here to talk about the declaratory resolution. She stated that as a special taxing district, the Sanitary District has to follow a really unique statutory process to issue any sort of debt. Ms. Carroll stated this declaratory resolution is the first step in that process. She stated that should the board decide to adopt this resolution today, the next step would be to publish the public notice in the newspaper. Ms. Carroll stated this ensures that everyone knows about it, and then the process would move on to a public hearing. She stated that at a meeting in the future, the board could decide to adopt, modify, or decline to adopt a confirmatory resolution. Ms. Carroll stated that today, the process is just beginning with this resolution. She stated that what this resolution does is authorize a number of projects to comply with the IDEM order. Ms. Carroll stated it sets a maximum amount of \$280 million. She stated it also authorizes the publication of those notices so that the process can move forward. Mr. Overton stated this is the sewer separation project mandated. He stated we are mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency, so we have no choice in doing this. Mr. Overton stated we must do this. He stated this is a vote to consider the resolution on taking out the bonds for this very immense project for our city. Mr. Leach stated the \$282,930,000.00 includes the finance fees and ancillary charges that come with financing money. He stated this is basically our interest payments. Ms. Carroll stated that is correct. Mr. Leach stated we are actually going out for about \$153 million, which is included in part of this. He stated that it includes all our interest in it. Mr. Leach moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 Declaratory Resolution. Mr. Clark provided a second. Motion passed (4-0).

Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Overton stated he was glad to hear that Bamboo is rolling out smoothly. He stated he appreciates Tim and his work on that. Mr. Overton stated he hopes that it is going to make life a little easier.

2. Mr. Leach stated he just has a small word of praise for Mr. Ivy and Jason Donati with Sanitation, mostly because they have been going through so much. He stated they have been doing some stuff with IOSHA, and it has been handled very well, so good job. Mr. Leach stated he really appreciates the hard work, the documentation, and going through all the right things. He stated it is much appreciated. Mr. Leach stated we do recognize the value in basically a good administrative process.

Adjourn: Mr. Leach stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 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 30, 2025. Mr. Selvey seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

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Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Bales
Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

*Approved by the Board of Sanitary Commissioners
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