

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of May 14, 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; Jason Donati, Sanitation Superintendent; Stover, IT Administrator; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: None.

Public Comments: None.

Consideration of April 30th, 2025, Board Minutes. Mr. Leach entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Selvey moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of April 30, 2025. Mr. Overton seconded the motion. The motion was passed (5-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Leach entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$762,285.15. Mr. Leah stated a claim on page thirteen of fourteen to Bowen Engineering in the amount of \$124,606.95. He stated this is pay application number thirty-nine of the stormwater bond projects for work performed at the Water Pollution Control Facility. Mr. Clark moved to approve the consideration of the claims. Mr. Overton provided a second. Motion passed (5-0).

District Administrator Update – Mr. Conrad stated that work is continuing on Petty between Briar and Duane, weather permitting. He stated that next week, there will also be work on West Amherst between Brentwood and Riley. Mr. Conrad stated that he had some additional news to share. He stated that as we move further into the spring and summer seasons, the levee mowing operations have been slightly altered. Mr. Conrad stated that this adjustment is part of an effort to support local ecosystems and preserve some wildlife. He stated that the plan is to allow the slopes of the levee to grow a little taller. Mr. Conrad stated that if residents observe less frequent mowing, it is not due to delays. He stated that the department maintains approximately eighty acres of land, much of which sees limited public use. Mr. Conrad stated that these areas will be allowed to grow to approximately twelve inches in height before mowing resumes. He stated that maintenance along the greenway will continue to support the needs of the mowing. Mr. Conrad stated that this work primarily occurs in the county area and will proceed along the greenway. He stated that this approach aims to maintain a clean and presentable appearance, though it may look different from what residents have seen in the past. Mr. Conrad stated that the department is continuing to investigate the potential impacts of State Bill 1, particularly on the Sanitation Department. He stated that there is a significant potential loss of tax revenue, which may necessitate changes in budgeting or infrastructure. Mr. Conrad stated that a considerable amount of time will be spent over the next few months developing a response plan. He stated that Thom Noble and his engineering group have been removing sand piles along the levee. Mr. Conrad stated that while the piles may have looked intentional, they were actually remnants from flooding and had accumulated in odd formations. He stated that Thom reported they have already moved five single-axle dump truck loads of sand. Mr. Conrad stated that a lot of dirt is being moved, and the area is now looking much neater as cleanup continues. He stated that negotiations with IDEM regarding the long-term control plan appear to be progressing well. Mr. Conrad stated that final approval may be in place by the next board meeting. He stated that this is encouraging news and should be confirmed by the end of the month.

Department Head Update – None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Quote Opening for Project 1SAN-25 Dill Street Lining – John Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated that the quote is for a project for pipe redevelopment along Dill Street. He stated that it vacates Dill Street. Mr. Anderson stated that it was determined to be more cost effective to line the pipe as opposed to digging up Dill Street and replacing completely. He stated we received one quote from Inliner Solutions in the amount of \$70,000.00. Mr. Anderson asked the board to take this quote under review and consideration. Mr. Leach stated that one quote was received from Inliner Solutions in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Dill Street lining project. He stated that there were no other bids received. Mr. Leach stated that Mr. Anderson will provide a bid review to ensure that it is a reasonable price.

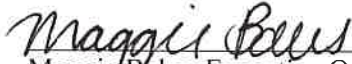
2. Task Summary with Christopher Burke Engineering – Rick Conrad. Mr. Conrad stated that this task summary pertains to the ongoing efforts to secure monthly levee certification through FEMA. He stated that the department has invested many years into maintaining the levee to the required standards. Mr. Conrad stated that current efforts are focused on the tieback levee. He stated that this task summary supports continued data gathering, design, and permitting for the next downstream section of the levee. Mr. Conrad stated that the team will identify any deficiencies and develop appropriate solutions. He stated that approximately four sections of the levee are currently about 25% complete, very roughly speaking. Mr. Conrad stated that the approach begins with the more challenging sections before moving into areas that are expected to be less complex. He stated that \$196,000 has been allocated for this phase of the project. Mr. Conrad stated that the funding will support data collection, design, and permitting activities specifically for the west reach of the site. He stated that once that is complete, work will progress into the south levee segment. Mr. Overton stated that the purpose of this project is to ensure that residents are not required to purchase flood insurance. He stated that without the completion of this project, residents would likely face significant costs related to flood insurance. Mr. Overton stated that by constructing and maintaining the tieback levee, this helps protect citizens from that financial burden. He stated that this results in substantial cost savings for the residents of Muncie. Mr. Overton stated that the current task represents the next step in this long-term process. He stated that the goal is to secure the levee and prevent flooding from the White River. Mr. Leach stated that, as Mr. Conrad had mentioned, this phase of the project is primarily focused on design and permitting. He stated that a letter of improvisation will need to be issued once the project reaches full compliance, which is expected to be approximately a year-long process. Mr. Leach stated that this process will also involve significant hydraulic modeling to support the issuance of the letter. He stated that part of the work will focus on addressing erosion along the existing levee. Mr. Leach stated that this erosion is clearly visible to anyone who visits the site. He stated that this is necessary work and directly relevant to the mission and responsibilities of the department. Mr. Leach entertained a motion to approve the addition of the task in the amount of \$196,000.00. Mr. Clark moved to approve. Mr. Overton provided second. Motion passed (5-0).

Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Leach stated that he would like to offer his usual shout-out to a team member. He stated that today's recognition goes to Mr. Jason Ingram, who was not present in the audience. Mr. Leach stated that the department has been working extensively with TYLin on the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility. He stated that Mr. Ingram's background knowledge and ability to manage documentation while understanding the full scope of how the plant operates continues to impress. Mr. Leach stated that it has been refreshing to see Mr. Ingram in his element. He stated his sincere appreciation for the hard work Mr. Ingram contributes to the team.

Adjourn: Mr. Leach stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Leach stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Selvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting for May 14, 2025. Mr. Leach seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

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



Adam Leach, President



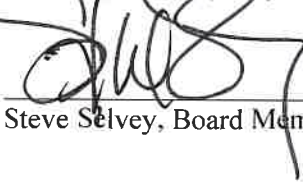
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