

Board Minutes for the Board of Sanitary Commissioners Meeting of August 9, 2023

THE BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS conducted a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Department managers and staff present; John Barlow, District Administrator; Joe Rhetts, Legal Counsel; Deana Cox, Financial Manager; Thom Noble, Director of Engineering; John Anderson, District Engineer; Harvey Wright, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent; Phil Reagon, Sanitation Superintendent; Jason Ingram, WPCF Superintendent; Rick Conrad BWQ Director; Tony Webb, Sanitation Supervisor; Jason Donati, Sustainability Coordinator; and Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager.

Public present: None.

Consideration of Minutes: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Smith moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as submitted for the meeting of July 26, 2023. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was passed (3-0).

Consideration of Claims: Mr. Brand entertained a motion to consider the register of claims totaling \$1,716,953.15. Mr. Brand stated a claim for a flow study with Gripp. He stated a claim on page ten of seventeen for the eighth levee mowing by Coop's totaling \$14,500. Mr. Brand stated a claim on page thirteen of seventeen for the two new recycling trucks for the new blue toter program. He stated the total for the two trucks was \$895,669.06. Mr. Brand stated there is a grant portion to that, so this is the lion share of the claims for this month. He stated a claim on page fifteen of seventeen for a new excavator trailer. Mr. Brand stated a claim on page sixteen of seventeen for the pay app to Bunn Inc. for Storer Estates totaling \$146,842.34. Mr. Smith moved to approve the consideration of claims. Mr. Brand provided second. Motion passed (3-0).

District Administrator Update – Mr. Barlow stated that Jason Donati sent an update on the kickoff of the recycling program. He stated that we used a third-party waste wreck service to do the distribution of these blue toters so we could track these with serial numbers tied to the addresses of folks who signed up. Mr. Barlow stated the total delivered toters is 4,700. He stated there are some we will deliver ourselves because they are the smaller toters. Mr. Barlow stated the first pick up day was Monday with two routes, one with 49 toters picked up and the second with 67 toters. He stated there is an example on Facebook on things you should not put into the blue toter. Mr. Barlow stated the second wave of delivery will be in about four to six weeks. He stated this program has really taken off, Jason Donati and Phil Reagon have been swamped with inquiries, questions, and comments via text, email, Facebook, and calls. Mr. Barlow stated the program has really exploded and it is anticipated that it will continue to grow. He stated that Adam Leach provided information that the notification for bidding for the stormwater project out at Aultshire should go out today or tomorrow. Mr. Barlow stated the bids are scheduled to be opened at the Board of Works meeting on September 6, 2023. He stated this is because of the funding Mr. Leach received. Mr. Barlow stated then it will come to us for the portion that we are funding for the board to review and approve. He stated a visit was made to the Drum Addition drainage job; it is progressing nicely. Mr. Barlow stated Bowen is working on the swale and the tie-ins for that to help alleviate the drainage issues in that area. He stated CSO 7 is progressing on Wheeling, moving to King Street, and working towards North on Reserve. Mr. Barlow stated Indian Village is progressing, and easement was acquired to move forward to finishing that project. He stated another easement needs to be acquired for Lyn Mar and Timber Lane so Bowen can start the work out there. Mr. Barlow stated the levee project is progressing Burke, the engineers, have told the Corps of Engineers that a plan should be submitted for review by the end of August. Mr. Wolfe expressed his appreciation to Mr. Barlow and all the teams. He

stated we have a lot of construction going on around town and everyone has been doing a great job. Mr. Wolfe stated the response from the community has reflected that. Mr. Barlow stated that outside of the work Bowne is doing, the Engineering Department and construction crew have been doing a lot of self-performed work with two crews.

Department Head Update – None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.


Additional Board Topics:

1. Mr. Smith stated a thank you to all the employees for the work done each and every day with professionalism and courtesy.
2. Mr. Brand stated to follow up on previous topics, the Cardinal Greenway bridge continues to progress. He stated that all the steel is down on the old trestle, the cement is left. Mr. Brand stated that he is proud that we have not had any safety issues out there for both users and those working on the project. He stated that tomorrow we have a follow up on the MS4 with Ivy Tech and Delaware County. Mr. Brand stated a thank you to all the employees of the Muncie Sanitary District. He stated what the employees do every day is important in more ways than most people ever understand. Mr. Brand stated that he is proud to work for everyone in the Muncie Sanitary District.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn: Mr. Brand stated our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Mr. Brand stated he would accept a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting for July 26, 2023. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was approved (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Maggie Bales, Executive Office Manager

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



Stephen Brand, President



Adam Leach, Vice President



Michael Wolfe, Secretary



David Smith, Board Member

Tim Overton, Board Member