

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD MEMBERS

Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President
Steve Flowers, Vice-President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member
Tia Cauley, Member
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Miguel Rivera, Steve
Flowers, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley

Present Via Phone: Jawann Jones

Staff Present: Present in Chambers: Ateria Allen, Ken
Myers, Joseph Allegretti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2022

Motion to approve August 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by
Steve Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

Questions/Comments: None.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

Opposed: None Motion Carries.

CHECK WARRANTS:

Sanitary District, Wastewater Division

MR. RIVERA: We have two Warrants for the Sanitary
District, Wastewater Division. I will read both of them and
we'll make one motion to approve.

First one is Warrant Number 090122 SW for the
amount of \$75,440.87. The other one is Warrant Number 090122

1 SR for the amount of \$28,198.56.

2 Motion to approve Warrant Number 090122 SW and Warrant Number
3 090122 SR made by Ben Moricz. Second by Tia Cauley.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
6 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

7 Payroll Warrants

8 MR. RIVERA: Next we have three Warrants for the Payroll
9 Warrants. Again I will read all three and we'll make one
10 motion to approve.

11 First one is Warrant Number 081922 Sanitary Board
12 Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22. Next one is Warrant Number
13 081922 Wastewater Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22. Next one is
14 Warrant Number 081922 Utilities Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22.

15 Motion to approve Warrant Number 081922 Sanitary Board
16 Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22, Warrant Number 081922 Wastewater
17 Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22 and Warrant Number 081922
18 Utilities Payroll 7/30/22 to 8/12/22 made by Steve Flowers.
19 Second by Tia Cauley.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
22 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

23 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division

24 MR. RIVERA: Next we have three Warrants for the
25 Sanitary District, Solid Waste Division.

Warrant Number 082422 SS for the amount of \$225.
Next one is Warrant Number 090122 SS for the amount of
\$95,081.94. The next Warrant is Number 081922 Solids Payroll
7/30/22 to 8/12/22.

Motion to approve Warrant Number 082422 SS, Warrant Number
090122 SS and Warrant Number 081922 Solids Payroll 7/30/22 to
8/12/22 made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia Cauley.

Questions/Comments: None.

MS. CAULEY: Excuse me, Mr. President. Jawann is trying

1 to get on.

2 MR. RIVERA: He's online now?

3 MS. CAULEY: Well, he said they're not letting him in.

4 MR. RIVERA: Let the record reflect that Jawann Jones is
5 on the phone.

6 MS. CAULEY: He said online is not working. There he
7 is. We got him.

8 REPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS:

9 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Report from Field Operations,
10 Mr. Ken Myers.

11 MR. MYERS: Good evening, Commissions. Just quickly to
12 bring you up-to-date on some of the activities here in the
13 last month.

14 Earlier in the month IDEM completed an audit of our
15 CSO Program, our recordkeeping and improvements that we did
16 with our construction. And we just got the feedback in a
17 letter two days ago.

18 Everything went well with that audit. There's
19 several deficiencies that they noted relatively minor.

20 One is that our rainfall data logger wasn't working
21 and hadn't been working for awhile.

22 We just had it replaced actually prior to them
23 coming to do the audit. So we have our rainfall data for
24 August. So that item is already addressed.

25 They noted that we haven't done our annual notice
for the Great Lakes Annual Reporting. Half of that report is
put together. We'll complete it and take care of that
deficiency.

And the last one is just controlling the vegetation
at our CSO Lagoon at the Wastewater Plant, the excessive
weeds at the overflow. They didn't like it.

It doesn't prevent the overflow from happening.
It's just a visual nuisance. Again minor deficiencies.

The other thing related to our CSO Program is we

1 had submitted a Long-Term Control Plan Amendment. We're
2 trying to stop from doing sewer separation going forward.
3 And we want to do point of treatment at the outfalls both at
4 Michigan Avenue and our Alder Lift Stations.

5 We had a meeting, a conference call with IDEM.
6 They want to approve our amendment. They agree with our
7 technical approach. But they have a hang up.

8 We had used US EPA guidance. And the US EPA
9 guidance hasn't been fully approved by IDEM.

10 So based on the years that we're forecasting we're
11 looking for a slight extension of our contract. IDEM is
12 trying to figure out what they can do.

13 But again they don't disagree with our technical
14 approach. It's now a little hang up that IDEM has with using
15 this US EPA guidance.

16 With regard to the plant the plant has been
17 operating very well.

18 August, we're getting ready to do the monthly
19 report for August. We don't have complete data. But we had
20 no E. coli violations for the month of August to date.

21 And as far as our solids we had two weekly average
22 exceedances which we continue to occasionally have usually
23 related with rain events.

24 And lastly want to note that the work in the Roxana
25 Subdivision which is the relining of the sanitary sewers, the
manholes and select storm sewers, that work is basically 99
percent complete.

So we should see improvement, lack of infiltration
and improved flow of the sanitary waste into our Roxana Lift
Station.

That completes my report. If you have any
follow-up questions, I'm here to answer.

MR. RIVERA: Are there any questions for Mr. Myers?
Thank you.

REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE: None.

REPORT FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: None.

1 REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

2 NEW BUSINESS:

3 MR. RIVERA: Next item is New Business. We have some
4 Proposals. The first one is Donohue Engineering Service
Agreement Amendment Number 2.

5 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, as far as an explanation for
6 this proposal Donohue is our Engineering Consultant. They're
assisting our Financial Consultant, Bakertilly.

7 We need an amendment in the amount of \$60,000.
8 This is for a separate preparation of an Asset Management
9 Plan which is necessary for our dealings or submittals to the
Indiana Finance Authority and our continued use of the State
Revolving Loan Fund.

10 Like I said they're working with our financial
11 people. But they're also doing the engineering costs
associated with the future capital improvements.

12 So this is an amendment to their existing contract
13 for this specific task.

14 MR. RIVERA: Thank you.

15 Motion to approve Donohue Engineering Service Agreement
16 Amendment Number 2 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

17 Questions/Comments: None.

18 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
19 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

20 MR. RIVERA: Next item is Rockwell Automation
21 TechConnect. This is a Renewal Agreement.

22 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, as far as an explanation for
23 this Rockwell Automation does work with our automated
24 controls both the hardware and the software. This is a
25 continuing contract and its a renewal.

We're looking for approval for renewal for the
three years of continued licensing hardware technical
support.

1 Motion to approve Rockwell Automation TechConnect Support
2 Renewal Agreement made by Tia Cauley. Second by Ben Moricz.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
5 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

6 MR. RIVERA: Next item is GSM Filtration Top and Bottom
7 Belt Required for Dewatering Presses.

8 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, this is as it says it's for
9 the replacement of the top and bottom belts. Our sludge
10 presses dewater the biosolids in our plant.

11 We just underwent repairs to one of the presses.
12 One of the belts tore. They typically last a year, year and
13 a half. And always once we make repairs to our belt presses
14 we order the replacement.

15 So this is our request for that activity.

16 Motion to approve GSM Filtration Top and Bottom Belt
17 Replacement made by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

18 Questions/Comments: None.

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
20 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

21 MR. RIVERA: And the last proposal is SL Technologies,
22 Inc. Canal Street Sanitary Repairs in the amount of
23 \$5,112.20.

24 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, this is for SL Technologies.
25 They provide us the air monitoring equipment, automated
alarms for explosive gases, chlorine, hydrogen sulfide,
oxygen levels.

Canal Street at our lift station if you recall
roughly a month and a half ago, possibly two months ago we
had some flooding down in the lower level where these
monitors are located. So it caused damage to our existing
equipment.

We have to replace the sensors and a small amount
of hardware. And this is our request to do that.

1 Motion to approve SL Technologies, Inc. Canal Street Sanitary
2 Repairs made by Tia Cauley. Second by Steve Flowers.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
5 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

8 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday,
9 September 15, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

10 Motion to adjourn made by Steve Flowers. Second by Tia
11 Cauley.

12 Questions/Comments: None.

13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
14 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

15 * Meeting ended at 4:42 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, September 1, 2022

Approved and Signed September 15, 2022



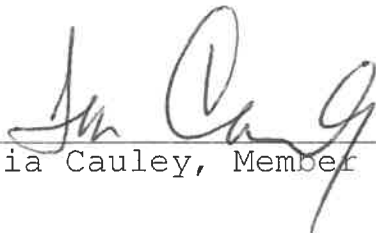
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 12th day of September, 2022.



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