

BOARD OF SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 4:00 P.M. – 1100 E. EIGHTH STREET

The meeting was called to order via Teleconference at 4:00 P.M. by President Garry L. Mitchell Sr.

Commissioners present for the meeting were, Garry L. Mitchell Sr., Tim Smith, Holt L. Edinger and Jeffery Wright. Frank R. Harris was absent.

Staff present for the meeting were:
Michael P. Kuss, General Manager
Scott Kistler, Financial Manager
Steve Stanford, Operations Manager
Rachel McCline, Receptionist/Dispatcher
James B. Meyer, Legal Counsel

Also present for the meeting were:
Mayor Duane Parry, City of Michigan City
Ta-Tanisha George, Michigan City Human Rights
Dan McCoy, Daniel McCoy & Associates, LLC

Minutes

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – seconded by Mr. Wright. There being no question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Public Comment

Mayor Parry addressed the Board regarding a letter written by Human Rights Director Ms. George. Mayor Parry explained that the letter indicated her knowledge regarding an issue within the Refuse and Wastewater Treatment departments. Mayor Parry recommended that the Board reply to Ms. George via email indicating that they received her letter. The Board understood.

Financial Report

As of July 31, 2020,
Operating Fund: \$1,200,742.30
Horizon Municipal Fund: \$37.99
Improvement Fund: \$842,895.03
Vehicle Replacement Fund: \$76,735.48
Equipment Replacement Fund: \$680,053.46
Indian Springs Project Fund: \$7,128.80
Whippoorwill Project Fund: \$339.08
SRF Debt Reserve Fund: \$499,501.70
SRF Bond & Interest Fund: \$250,350.03

Storm Water Fund: \$415,429.62
Refuse Municipal Fund: \$0.00
Refuse Fund: \$1,031,331.61
Special Revenue Fund: \$13,646.34
Levy Excess Fund: \$8,522.14
Tax Levy Grant Fund: (\$42,777.94)
Rainy Day Fund: \$0.00
Karwick Remediation: \$387,803.97

Mr. Smith recommended that Mr. Kistler add in the deposits for the Tax Levy Grant Fund to reflect in the total cash balance. Mr. Kistler understood.

Regarding the **Long Beach Sewer Project Agreement**, Attorney Meyer advised that all the potential customers for the new sewer system will be responsible for the cost regarding the project. Attorney Meyer added that if the potential customers do not pay, the Town of Long Beach will be responsible for the cost of the project.

Attorney Meyer noted that the Sanitary District will not be financially responsible for the project cost. Attorney Meyer mentioned that the Sanitary District's sole responsibility is to make sure that the design meets the required standards.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the Long Beach Sewer Project Agreement as presented – seconded by Mr. Edinger. There being no further question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Attorney Meyer submitted a **Resolution 1425-20 – appointing the General Manager as the Authorized SRF Representative** and recommended approval of the same.

Mr. Edinger made such a motion – seconded by Mr. Mitchell. There being no further question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Attorney Meyer submitted a **Resolution 1424-20 – regarding the Town of Long Beach Incorporation**. Attorney Meyer explained that this resolution will eliminate two (2) governmental entities deciding when each other's rules apply.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 1424-20 regarding the Town of Long Beach Incorporation into the Sanitary District – seconded by Mr. Wright. There being no further question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

New Business

Pursuant to Mayor Parry's comments, Mr. Smith asked if the Board should hold an Executive Session to discuss and respond to the mentioned letter.

Attorney Meyer advised that any issues regarding Personnel matters should be initially discussed in an Executive Session. Attorney Meyer added that it would be appropriate to invite Ms. George and Mayor Parry to the session as well.

Mr. Smith noted that it would be in the Sanitary District's best interest if all Board of Commissioners be in attendance for the Executive Session. All Board Members in attendance agreed to hold the mentioned session on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Sanitary District's Administration Building.

Mr. Edinger made a motion to approve Revenue & Tax Levy Claims for payment – seconded by Mr. Wright. There being no question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting – seconded by Mr. Wright. There being no question or comment on the matter, the motion carried 4 – 0 in favor.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Sanitary District Commissioners – **Wednesday, September 23, 2020 – 4:00 P.M. at 1100 E. Eighth Street.**



Holt L. Edinger, Secretary