

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SANGAMON VALLEY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
5:30 PM**

Held in Person at the SVPWD Water Treatment Plant

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Cameron Wygant, Mark Reifsteck, Thomas Johnson, William Jones, Staci Baxley, Dustin Skillings, Richard Eardley**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT: Terry Boyer**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wygant called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Johnson to approve the agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eardley to approve the agenda.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Skillings: Yes	

**With a vote of 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Secretary's Report**

1. Approval of minutes for Open / Closed meetings March & April 2024

Discussion was had regarding the Veolia 2023 True-up Reimbursement. Chairman Wygant informed the board that he had requested the reimbursement be paid to the district via check however, Veolia was unable to reimburse the district in this manner and stated that Veolia policy was for all True-up Reimbursements to be via credit to the districts account.

**MOTION** by Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skillings to approve the Secretary's Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Skillings: Yes	

**With a vote of 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**B. Financial Report**

1. Approval of Accounts Payable Listing for April, May, June 2024
2. Review Veolia Limit Reports

**MOTION** by Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baxley to approve the Financial Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Skillings: Yes	

**With a vote of 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment

5. **BUSINESS:**

**A. Chairman’s Report – Cameron Wygant**

1. **Lagoon Dredging Project** - Chairman Wygant informed the board that there was nothing new to report on the Lagoon Dredging Project. Chairman Wygant stated that he had reached out to Road Commissioner Chris Doenitz, but there was still no movement on an agreement. Chairman Wygant informed the board that he and PM Kurt Smith had found a product called Aqua Fix that they both feel would be a viable option to help reduce the current amount of sludge in the lagoon by at least 30% without the need for dredging. Chairman Wygant stated that Project Manager Smith had ordered the product, which is expected to be delivered in the next week or two. Also, the district will need to conduct another sludge study on the lagoon. This study will show the district how much sludge has built up since the last study was performed in December 2021. Trustee Jone inquired as to the waiting time required between Aqua Fix treatments. Chairman Wygant asked for Donohue engineer Terry Boyer to address Trustee Jones's question, to which he responded that the treatment process takes roughly 4 months, and at the end of the they would like to have another sonar sludge study done to determine the effectiveness of the Aqua Fix treatment. If found to be effective, repeating the treatment would be an option. Chairman Wygant then stated that this treatment, including the sludge studies, would cost the district around \$17,000 but, if effective, could result in roughly \$150,000 in savings.
2. **Northward Expansion Project**—Chairman Wygant stated that during the prior week, he had a meeting with Noah, a representative from Mary Miller’s office, regarding the Northward Expansion and grants that may be available through Rural Development. Chairman Wygant felt the meeting was productive but stated that the possibility of a grant to fund the project was still in the research stage at this time.
3. **Briarcliff Watermain Project** - Chairman Wygant informed the board that over the past month, the district had put the project out for bid with an original engineer’s estimate of \$868,000; two bids came in on the project, with the lowest bid coming in at \$1.134 million, roughly 25% over budget.

Chairman Wygant stated the board would need to discuss and vote on the bids, that would require a special meeting to be scheduled. The chairman stated that he had spoke with Terry and Kurt and they all felt that the timing of when it was put out for bid may have played a part in the bids coming in higher than the original estimate. Mr. Wygant informed the board there were options, they could move forward and award the bid to the lowest bidder or putting it off and putting it back out for bid in the fall, stating that his fear was waiting may not work in our favor and bids may come in close to the same or even higher. Trustee Jone asked where the original engineer's estimate came from and Terry Boyer stated that Will Gray from Donohue's office prepared the estimate based off his previous experience, Mr. Boyer stated that the tightness of the sight may have played a factor, along with supply chain demands. Chairman Wygant stated that Stark came in with the lowest bid and Cross came in at roughly \$1.6 million. Chairman Wygant open it up for discussion. Trustees Baxely and Jones asked questions regarding the availability of funds, Chairman Wyant stated that the funds were available even though the district had not expected that much of an increase however he did understand the cost of materials had increased greatly. Trustee Johnson expressed some concerns regarding Stark and previous litigations they had been involved in. Chairman Wygant addressed Trustee Johnson's concerns and assured him that all of the checks and balances would be put in place and that Donohue would have someone onsite overseeing the project and ensuring that things are done right and there are no shortcuts. Stating that Stark was a reputable company, and he did not feel that the incident Trustee Johnson spoke of did not constitute the district spending the additional \$400,000. Trustee Eardley stated, and all Trustees in attendance agreed that he felt the district would not get a lower bid in 9 months. Chairman Wygant then asked if the board was open to holding a special meeting to approve a bid and all trustees agreed.

4. **Candlewood Estates** - Chairman Wygant stated that he had previously sent the trustees a copy of the district's settlement proposal, which stayed the same, but CWE initially turned it down. Chairman Wygant stated that he met with the owner on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and that CWE is now on board with coming to an agreement. CWE is now willing to take over ownership of the standpipes. In exchange, SVPWD staff will supervise the work performed by CWE staff with materials provided by SVPWD. Chairman Wygant stated that he would be getting that agreement drawn up and sent to the trustees to review and that he hoped that would also be ready for board approval at the already required special meeting.

#### **B. Donohue Project Status Report – Terry Boyer**

1. **Briarcliff WMR Design** - Bids opened May 28 @ 10 am. The low bidder is Stark (\$1,134,200). Board to consider awarding contract.
2. **WWTP Improvements** - Shop Drawing review is ongoing. Construction is ongoing.
3. **Lake Of the Woods LS CRS** – Shop Drawing review is ongoing. Construction is ongoing.

- 4. **WWTP Lagoon Dredge** - Project is on hold while we work through issues with access to local roads and weight limits.
- 5. **Northward Expansion Design** – Discussing constructing a “phase 1” project with Chapin Rose. Need to complete easements negotiations.

**C. Project Manager’s Report** – Kurt Smith not in attendance

**D. Approval of the Release of 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes – VOTE**

**MOTION** by Skillings 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eardley to approve the Secretary’s Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Skillings: Yes	

**With a vote of 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**E. Lake of the Woods Pump Station IEPA Loan Pay Application Approval-VOTE**

**MOTION** by Eardley 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to approve the Secretary’s Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Skillings: Yes	

**With a vote of 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Baxely and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reifsteck to adjourn.  
All members present vote yes, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya L Brock  
Secretary, Board of Trustees