

MINUTES
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 15, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Darnell Brown.

I. Roll Call

Present: Darnell Brown
Ronald Sulik
Timothy DeGeeter
Jack Bacci
Samuel Alai
Sharon Dumas
Marjorie Chambers

The Secretary informed the President that a quorum was in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. Chambers seconded, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2025 Board Meeting. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Session

There were no items.

IV. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Chief Executive Officer, informed the Board that on April 23rd and 30th NEORS's Human Resources Training and Development team hosted two technical training showcases at the Southerly Training Center. The event provided an opportunity for staff to learn about the Maintenance Training and Operator Training Programs. There were 42 participants over the two days, who learned about the positions in each program and performed the hands-on simulations and online aptitude tests necessary to enter the programs. On May 7th Human Resources shared the technical training showcase presentation with the Women's Employee Resource Group as well as leadership from HHW, formally Hard Hatted Women. The attendees responded positively and expressed a better understanding of the programs and how to apply for these opportunities. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells thanked Sharon Smith, Manager of Training and Development, and other Human Resources staff who organized the events.

On May 8th NEORSD's Contract Compliance team participated in the Multi-Agency Certification and Procurement Expo at Cuyahoga Community College's Metro Campus. Other participants included the City of Cleveland, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and many other public entities. There were more than 125 people in attendance. The event raised awareness about current and upcoming opportunities to work with public entities. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells thanked Tiffany Jordan, Manager of Contract Compliance, and her team for helping to organize the event and Jackie Williams, Manager of Procurement Services, for moderating the panel discussion.

On May 8th and 9th NEORSD staff participated in the 18th Annual Ohio Stormwater Conference, which focuses on expanding knowledge about comprehensive stormwater and watershed management in Ohio. NEORSD has been a strong supporter since the formation of the Regional Stormwater Management Program. The theme for this year's event was the 1980s. As part of the District's outreach table, Danny Neelon, Strategic Partnership Lead, and Jennifer Elting, Senior Manager of Community and Media Relationships, went through newspaper articles from that decade and highlighted NEORSD's work during that time in terms of early stream inspection and dye testing stormwater studies, which was the precursor for NEORSD's Geographic Information Systems program. NEORSD staff also presented on current work surrounding dam removal, stream restoration, environmental justice, and stormwater modeling. Additionally, for the second year, staff conducted interviews during the conference for use in the Clean Water Works Podcast.

Action Items

Authorization to Advertise

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| Resolution No. 101-25 | Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for the purchase of eight vehicles, as presented, with an estimated probable cost of \$728,500.00. |
| Resolution No. 102-25 | Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for a six-month contract for invasive plant species treatment services at the project site of the proposed Doan Brook Restoration at Horseshoe Park Project No. 1629 with an estimated probable cost of \$175,000.00. |

MOTION – Mr. Sulik moved, and Ms. Chambers seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 101-25 through 102.25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Purchase

Resolution No. 103-25 Authorization to purchase a crane truck from Altec Industries, Inc., under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not-to-exceed \$580,000.00.

Resolution No. 104-25 Authorization to purchase annual software licenses, maintenance, and support services from sole source vendor OSIsoft, LLC for the District's Process Data Management System application, for the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,300.00.

MOTION – Mayor Alai moved, and Ms. Dumas seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 103-25 through 104-25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Contract

Resolution No. 105-25 Authorization to enter into a public improvement contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc. for the Westerly Headworks Grit Diverter project in an amount not-to-exceed \$187,600.00.

Resolution No. 106-25 Authorization to enter into a three-year requirement contract with Konecranes, Inc. for crane inspection, maintenance and repair services at all District wastewater treatment plants and pump stations in an amount not-to-exceed \$209,547.00.

MOTION – Ms. Chambers moved, and Mayor Alai seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 105-25 through 106-25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization of Contract Modification

Resolution No. 107-25 Authorization to modify Contract No. 22001170 with Kokosing Industrial, Inc. for the Shoreline Consolidation Sewer project for a non-compensable 60-day time extension for administrative closeout of the project.

MOTION – Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. Dumas seconded to adopt Resolution No. 107-25. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown noted that this was a significant, costly project that has a previous time extension and requested additional information. Robin Rupe, Director of Engineering and Construction,

explained that Resolution No. 107-25 requests a 60-day non-compensable contract extension, which is the fourth modification to this contract. The first modification resulted in a credit that will be realized in the Final Adjusting Close Out. During the contractor evaluation of the project, it was determined that two of the shafts originally proposed could be eliminated, resulting in savings. The other two modifications were also related to non-compensable time extensions. This extension is necessary to complete administrative items that occurred throughout the project.

Authorization to Close Out Public Improvement Contract

Resolution No. 108-25 Authorizing the Final Adjusting Change Order to close out Public Improvement Contract No. 22001875 with Herbst Electric Company for the Easterly PLC Replacement project, to decrease the contract amount by \$1,069,191.55, thereby bringing the total contract amount to \$7,879,913.45.

MOTION – Mr. Sulik moved, and Ms. Chambers seconded to adopt Resolution No. 108-25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Grant Credit

Resolution No. 109-25 Authorizing the District to issue a credit adjustment in the total amount of \$32,853.52 against sewer charges on the account ending in 6113 to Karen Butler Banks, 4823 E. 135th Street, Garfield Heights.

MOTION – Ms. Dumas moved, and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 109-25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Designate Hearing Officer

Resolution No. 110-25 Authorization to designate Thomas Madej as an additional District Hearing Officer hearing customer appeals of administrative determinations to the Board of Trustees.

MOTION – Mayor Alai moved, and Ms. Chambers seconded to adopt Resolution No. 110-25. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Information Items

Ms. Rupe provided the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) status report for April 2025, beginning with cashflow. As it relates to the Business Opportunity Program (BOP) spending, the total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) spending was \$4.1 million; Women Business Enterprise (WBE) spending was \$3.7 million; and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) spending was \$1.5 million, for a total of \$9.4 million, equating to 16.42% of total cashflow through April 2025.

As for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), the MCT-3 Shaft 13 Flow Drop construction contract was awarded within 60 days of planned, meeting that KPI; however, the engineer's estimate was not within 10% of the three lowest bids.

There are currently 29 active CIP construction contracts with a combined total cost of approximately \$1 billion. Of those 29 projects, 10 are related to the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree related projects include CSO tunnels, pump station/storage tanks, chemically enhanced high-rate treatment (CEHRT), consolidation sewers, and plant capacity projects. The 19 non-Consent Decree projects include a combination of programmable logic controllers, electrical and HVAC upgrades, as well as plant process modifications, and CSO improvements.

Ms. Rupe reminded the Board that the Shoreline Storage Tunnel project is underway, at a cost of \$201 million. The project includes various drop shafts, gate structures, sewer modifications, and 14,000 linear feet of new sewer. This project is required under Control Measure 7 of the Consent Decree and will reduce CSO by 360 million gallons annually. This project is slightly behind schedule, though it should still meet all Consent Decree milestones for completion, with substantial completion of the project scheduled for May 2026.

The Southerly CEHRT project is also underway with a cost approaching \$9 million. The capacity of the existing CEHRT is being increased from 125 million gallons to 255 million gallons per day. This project is required under Control Measure 5-2 of the Consent Decree and is approximately six months behind schedule due to equipment needs; however, there should not be a problem with meeting Consent Decree milestones. The project is expected to achieve substantial completion in August of this year.

The Westerly CEHRT is a \$80 million project to provide various upgrades to the existing infrastructure, the construction of new tanks for high-rate disinfection, and the installation of an excess flow conduit with a control chamber, as well as some new chemical feed systems. Additionally, the plant entrance has been moved to the administration building. This project is required under Control Measure 3-2 of the Consent Decree. Ms. Rupe provided a photo of the recently completed sodium bisulfite storage feed system and explained that the Westerly CEHRT project will achieve substantial completion in February 2026 and closed out in the summer of 2026.

Ms. Rupe provided a graphic demonstrating 2025 planned CIP activities and explained that there is an estimated \$105 million in construction close outs, as well as \$46 million in construction contract to be awarded, including the Southerly Regulators and Relief Sewers project under Project Clean Lake.

VI. Open Session

There were no items.

VII. Public Session (any subject matter)

There were no items.

VIII. Executive Session

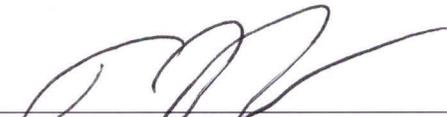
There were no items.

IX. Approval of Items from Executive Session

There were no items.

X. Adjournment

MOTION – President Brown stated business having been concluded, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. -Dumas seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.



Timothy J. DeGeeter, Secretary
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Darnell Brown, President
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