

MINUTES  
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2016

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

I. Roll Call

PRESENT: D. Brown  
R. Sulik  
W. O'Malley  
J. Bacci  
T. DeGeeter  
S. Dumas  
R. Stefanik

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

II. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved and Mr. Sulik seconded to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015, Board Meeting. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Session

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ciaccia advised that no one signed up to speak about a specific agenda topic.

IV. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO Ciaccia reported that the class action suit that was filed over the fees collected for the Stormwater Management Program has officially been dismissed. That was the last litigation matter left to be resolved. Staff will meet with the local law directors' group next week at a luncheon during which Mark Wallach and someone from the opposition will speak, and CEO Ciaccia will also discuss speak the future of the program.

CEO Ciaccia reported that the District's 2016 budget is near completion and staff will work with Ms. Dumas as the chair of the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting. Two outliers will be the SSES studies and healthcare; everything else in the budget is static and would not increase more than 4%.

Another continuing topic will be to work through the rate study over the next two months for the years 2017 through 2021, which will possibly be ready for an initial discussion in March.

V. Action Items

Authorization to Advertise

Resolution No. 1-16

Advertise for Bids for the Dugway South Relief and Consolidation Sewers Project. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost: \$36,800,000.00.

**MOTION** – Mayor Stefanik moved and Mayor DeGeeter seconded to adopt Resolution No. 1-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown noted that this project has a 27-month construction period with open trench-cutting, which will likely impact the community. James Bunsey, Director of Engineering & Construction, advised that the project will have four major locations. The open-cut area will not be as much of an impact as some of the most recent projects.

Mr. Brown stated that community outreach and engagement will be critical on parts of the tunnel. There will be public unrest as it relates to this project. He would like an understanding of how staff intends to move forward to make sure that people do not feel surprised by the impact, even though staff has been out in the community, left informational material on their doors and invited them to meetings.

Constance Haqq, Director of Administration & External Affairs, advised that staff continues to engage the public; the next public meeting will be in March. Staff sends out flyers, conducts robocalls and engages various city councilmen actively on all projects. They will also outreach to businesses, because they will be more impacted this time.

Mr. Brown also suggested outreach collaboration with the City of Cleveland planning and economic development departments because they receive many calls regarding business impacts. The planners know these designated areas and have a good feel for the pulse of the community and any other planned activities that might conflict with the work.

Mr. Brown inquired when the Doan Brook project will be constructed, to which Mr. Bunsey



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- Resolution No. 7-16 Two-Year Requirement Contract with Dominion Retail, Inc. for Natural Gas at All District Facilities. Anticipated Expenditure: \$1,715,000.00.
- Resolution No. 8-16 Three-Year Contract with Hunter Consulting to Act as the District's Third Party Administrator for Workers' Compensation Claims and Ancillary Services. Cost: Not-to-Exceed \$44,100.00.
- Resolution No. 9-16 One-Year Requirement Contract with PVS Technologies, Inc. for Sodium Bisulfite Solution for Use at All Wastewater Treatment Plants. Cost: \$239,060.47.
- Resolution No. 10-16 Authorization to Award Contract – Contract with PCM Sales for Brocade Fiber Channel Switch Equipment. Cost: \$56,651.52.

**MOTION** – Mayor Stefanik moved and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 6-16 through 10-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Referring to Resolution No. 6-16, Mr. Brown inquired how staff knows the cost is competitive having received only one bid. Mr. Weeden explained that staff received a viable bid from a vendor with experience working at the REF. Staff is also confident that the cost structure is better than when going out for an emergency contract.

Mr. Brown questioned whether there was an estimate for this, to which Mr. Weeden affirmed and advised the estimate was \$2 million -- a little above estimate.

Authorization to Ratify Contract

- Resolution No. 11-16 Ratify One-Year Contract with Lakeside Building Services for Janitorial Services at the George J. McMonagle Building and the Environmental and Maintenance Services Center. Cost: \$240,945.00.

**MOTION** – Mr. O'Malley moved and Ms. Dumas seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization of Contract Modification



**MOTION** – Mayor DeGeeter moved and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 18-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Information Items

There were no items.

VII. Open Session

There were no items.

VIII. Public Session (any subject matter)

No members of the public registered to speak during Public Session.

IX. Executive Session

**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.


The Board met in Executive Session from 12:52 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

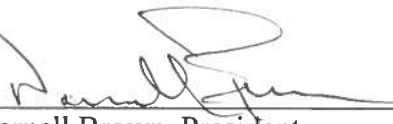
X. Approval of Items from Executive Session

There were no items.

IX. Adjournment

**MOTION** – Mr. Brown stated business having been concluded, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Mayor Stefanik moved and Mr. O’Malley seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

  
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Walter O’Malley, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

  
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Darnell Brown, President  
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