

MINUTES
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 3, 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 Mayor DeGeeter seconded to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2016, 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 advised that up to 25 communities have fully executed service agreements under the Regional Stormwater Management Program and seven others are pending. Staff is working with the Cleveland Water Department to begin billing in July.

The Finance Committee will meet next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the general wastewater, stormwater and capital budgets. The wastewater general budget is dominated by sewer system

evaluation studies and increased obligations in healthcare. The capital budget is dominated by Project Clean Lake.

V. Action Items

Authorization to Advertise

Resolution No. 62-16 Two-Year Contract for Elevator Maintenance Services at All District Facilities. Anticipated Expenditure: \$213,500.00.

MOTION – Mayor Bacci moved and Mayor Stefanik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 62-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Agreement

Resolution No. 63-16 Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Services to Continue the Ohio Nowcast for the 2016 Recreation Season. Anticipated Funding: Not-to-Exceed \$6,000.00.

Resolution No. 64-16 Agreement with Kurtz Bros., Inc. for the Purpose of Executing Phase II of the Ash Beneficial Reuse Pilot Project. Anticipated Expenditure: Not-to-Exceed \$52,500.00.

MOTION – Mr. Sulik moved and Mr. O’Malley seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 63-16 through 64-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dumas requested additional information about Ohio Nowcast and how it fits a public purpose. Scott Broski, Superintendent of Environmental Services, explained that the Ohio Nowcast is a system that informs the public of bacterial water quality and the conditions at beaches using predictive models.

The old method of determining water quality at the beaches was by collecting samples in the morning and getting results 24 hours later, and then reporting it to the public. Nowcast is a system that takes environmental observations and plugs them into a predictive model that predicts whether the water quality that day. Staff tracks that data along with daily sample data to determine how accurate the predictions are and updates the models on an annual basis.

Ohio Nowcast has been in effect at Edgewater Beach since 2008 and at the Villa Angela and Euclid beaches since 2012. This is important from a public purpose perspective because

bacterial contamination at beaches has long-term been blamed on CSO and plant discharges.

Staff is endeavoring to learn how removing CSO discharges from the environment improves conditions at beaches and to determine what other environmental impacts may be causing conditions at beaches to exceed water quality standards for bacteria.

Mr. Broski stated that over time the District has been given grants through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to fund Nowcast. That funding is diminishing because it is being directed toward harmful algal blooms and toxins, which is the dominating environmental interest currently in terms of protecting water quality and use of the lake.

The USGS is willing to work with the District in terms of hosting and operating Nowcast. However, they do not have the funding to fully cover it and have asked stakeholders such as the District to fund 25% of that cost in 2016. The long-term status of USGS funding is uncertain and in 2016 staff will consider options to replace Nowcast.

The funding is small but provides a real public benefit in terms of disseminating information regarding the conditions at local beaches and District staff wants to make sure it understands the environmental conditions at beaches and how they improve as CSO discharges are reduced.

Mr. Brown stated that the District has an interest in posting information in terms of beach quality and understanding the impact of CSOs on the lake. He was under the impression that the Ohio Department of Health was responsible for posting but in their absence the District filled that gap – and often received blame for whether information is communicated quickly. He indicated that the District needs to be clear in its communication regarding this issue. Mr. Broski advised that the District expects to be awarded a small grant from the Ohio Department of Health to partially cover the Beach Monitoring Program.

Authorization to Enter Into Contract

Resolution No. 65-16

Three-Year Contract with T.H. Martin, Inc. to Provide HVAC/R Maintenance Services at All District Facilities. Contract Amount: \$1,290,460.00.

MOTION – Mayor DeGeeter moved and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 65-16 through 42-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Property-Related Transaction

Resolution No. 66-16

Authorize the District to Appropriate One

Permanent Sewer Easement Necessary for the Construction of the Dugway West Interceptor Relief Sewer Project. Anticipated Expenditure: \$6,250.00.

Resolution No. 67-16

Authorize the District to Appropriate One Permanent Sewer Easement Necessary for the Construction of the East 140th Street Consolidation and Relief Sewer Project. Anticipated Expenditure: \$2,000.00.

Resolution No. 68-16

Authorize the District to Enter into an Easement and Indemnity Agreement with The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Granting an Easement to The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Relative to Its Ring Bus Electrical Infrastructure Project.
Consideration: \$0.00.

MOTION – Mayor Stefanik moved and Mr. O’Malley seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 66-16 through 68-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Grant Standing Authority

Resolution No. 69-16

Grant the Chief Financial Officer Standing Authority to Certify Delinquent Accounts on a Semi-Annual Basis to Appropriate County Fiscal Officers.

MOTION – Ms. Dumas moved and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 69-16 through 42-16. After discussion and without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Information Items

There were no items.

VII. Open Session

Mr. Brown requested at an appropriate time an update regarding a project in East Cleveland for which he had recently seen media coverage. Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Deputy Director of Watershed Programs, explained that he was referring to the East 140th Street Green Infrastructure Project, which is part of a larger infrastructure project. District staff is engaged

with the City of East Cleveland about three green infrastructure basins and it has created a number of concerns and political issues. Staff has developed a blog to answer residents' concerns, but the project will be an ongoing issue.

VIII. Public Session (any subject matter)

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

IX. Executive Session


There were no items.

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 Bacci moved and Mr. Sulik seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:46 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.



Walter O'Malley, Secretary
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Darnell Brown, President
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