

MINUTES  
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2022

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

I. Roll Call

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

Absent: Marjorie Chambers

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

II. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. Dumas seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Session

There were no items.

IV. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells provided an update regarding NEORSD's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response and informed the Board that NEORSD staff has one active COVID-19 case, and 2 employees with COVID-19-like symptoms. There has been a total of 232 employees with confirmed diagnoses since the beginning of the pandemic, 231 of whom have recovered and returned to work.

Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells congratulated and welcomed Jean Smith to NEORSD's leadership team, as she was promoted to Director of Administration and External Affairs. Ms. Smith has been with NEORSD since 2006 and most recently served as the Senior Manager of Communications and Community Relations. She has worked closely with Constance Haqq, Chief Administrative Officer, to ensure

that NEORSD provides timely and truthful communication, and is seen as a trusted expert on water quality and public health issues.

On September 17, NEORSD held its first in-person Clean Water Fest since 2019 and welcomed 1,700 visitors from across the service area and beyond, including New York, Illinois, and Virginia. More than half of the attendees had not been previously. NEORSD's lab, Southerly WWTP, and EMSC represented NEORSD's work throughout the day. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells thanked Ms. Haqq, Ms. Smith, and their teams for spearheading the event. Next year's Clean Water Fest will be held September 23, 2023.

On September 28, NEORSD welcomed current and former employees to its annual Service Awards. This was the first time that retirees were included in the ceremony. This was to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act and the establishment of NEORSD. There were over 150 employees and retirees in attendance. Terry Robinson earned the Lifetime Achievement Award, for his 27 years of service. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells thanked Angie Smith, HR Specialist, and the HR team for organizing the event.

This is National Customer Service Week, as was established by the International Customer Service Association in 1984 and was proclaimed a national event by Congress in 1992. The goal is to amplify the importance of customer service as a critical component of any business or industry. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells provided photos of the Customer Service Department staff and acknowledged Pauletta Hubbard, Manager of Customer Service, and her team for their work.

Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells invited Ms. Haqq to provide an update regarding NEORSD's efforts to enroll customers in cost savings programs.

Ms. Haqq reminded the Board of the cost savings programs provided by NEORSD and that in an effort to increase participation in these underutilized programs, NEORSD expanded eligibility to include eligible renters and increased the income threshold from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 250% of the FPL. It is anticipated that an additional 40,000 customers are newly eligible through these changes.

NEORSD has also increased its outreach through six Utility Resource Fairs, which included all of the other local utilities and service providers: Community Housing Solutions, CHN Housing Partners, and Step Forward.

Cuyahoga County provided NEORSD with the list of residents enrolled in its Homestead Program. This consisted of 77,000 people, of whom 53,000 are NEORSD customers and almost 36,000 of which were not enrolled in any NEORSD cost savings programs.

NEORSD used that list to do a targeted mailing to 5,000 residents, informing them that they are likely eligible to enroll in a program. To date, 852 customers responded and 811 have been

approved. The initial group of 5,000 was used as a test case. The first mailing yielded 250 responses. A second mailing was sent to those who had not responded, and that took the total number of responses to over 800. NEORSD will attempt a third mailing and robocalls to get a sense of what works in terms of outreach methods, then will reach out to the next 5,000 customers.

The last of the six 2022 Utility Resource Fairs will be held in Parma on October 29. There are already 200 people signed up to attend, meaning it will be a large event. NEORSD is grateful to the elected officials who have assisted in outreaching to their constituents regarding the events. To date, NEORSD has been able to reach almost 800 customers through these events.

Ms. Haqq provided photos from the events and explained that over 30 people have volunteered to assist, including Spanish speakers for the most recent event. NEORSD rents copiers so that copies of customer documents can be provided to the service providers to enroll residents in as many programs as possible. Staff assists customers in completing the forms when needed, as there may be language, transportation, and/or literacy barriers and if the applications are not completed correctly, they may be rejected.

Over the course of the first three quarters of 2022, NEORSD has enrolled 4,745 new customers in a cost saving program. The goal since the completion of the recent rate study was 10,000 over a five-year period. NEORSD looks forward to surpassing the goal next year and setting a new goal. NEORSD will continue to reach out to the Homestead customers and explore new partnerships.

President Brown thanked Ms. Haqq for the information and expressed the Board's appreciation for the progress made in this regard.

V. Action Items

Authorization to Advertise

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| Resolution No. 307-22 | Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for a one-year requirement contract for Sodium Bisulfite Solution at all Wastewater Treatment Plants with an anticipated expenditure of \$294,000.00.  |
| Resolution No. 308-22 | Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for a three-year contract for Solids Handling Screw Feeder Gearbox Rebuild and Repair Services at the Southerly and Westerly Wastewater Treatment Centers with an anticipated expenditure of \$250,000.00. |

Resolution No. 309-22                      Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for the Incinerator No. 3 Refractory Repair project with an anticipated expenditure of \$290,000.00.

Resolution No. 310-22                      Authorization to publish notice calling for bids, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.10, for a two-year requirement contract for the transport and disposal of regulated wastes with an anticipated expenditure of \$100,000.00.

**MOTION** – Mr. Sulik moved, and Mayor Alai seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 307-22 through 310-22. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Purchase

Resolution No. 311-22                      Authorization of \$200,000.00 to purchase as-needed replacement parts used in Moyno Pipe liners repair, at all Wastewater Treatment Plants, from sole source vendor Schultz Fluid Handling Equipment.

**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. Dumas seconded to adopt Resolution No. 311-22. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Agreement

Resolution No. 312-22                      Authorization to enter into a cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the Stream Gage Operation and Maintenance project for the installation of eleven rain gages and two new stream gages, the operation and maintenance of 27 stream gages, and the development of flood inundation mapping along the 16.4 miles of the Cuyahoga River in the District's Regional Stormwater Service Area in an amount not-to-exceed \$624,500.00.

**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 312-22. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown noted that this is an ongoing effort to monitor the changes to rainfall patterns and asked whether NEORS is beginning to see changes in the service area, in particular in problem areas such as Big Creek, the Cuyahoga River, and the Jennings Road area, where the flooding has been exacerbated.

Matt Scharver, Deputy Director of Watershed Programs, explained that this cooperative agreement has three components: continued maintenance of the existing 25 stream gauges; the addition of

one new stream gauge on the lower Cuyahoga River at Irishtown Bend and another one along Big Creek in Brooklyn; 11 rain gauges across the service area will receive new equipment, changing from tipping buckets to pluviial rain gauges to gather better information on intensity during rainfall events; and flood inundation mapping in two sections of the Cuyahoga River Main Stem.

Mr. Scharver provided a map of the service area demonstrating where inundation mapping will be performed near Big Creek, Chippewa Creek, and the Cuyahoga River in Brecksville.

This cooperative agreement provides several benefits to NEORSD, as there is strong data from a well-trusted governmental entity that bolsters NEORSD's understanding of rainfall patterns, flooding events, and its existing hydraulic models used in the Regional Stormwater Management Program.

Big Creek has had a rain gauge in place since 1975 and 5 of the top 10 cresting events have occurred since 2017. Likewise, the stream gage at Independence dates back to 1927 and 3 of the top 10 highest cresting events have occurred since 2018. In 2020, there were multiple significant events. This data helps NEORSD to identify changing patterns.

President Brown thanked Mr. Scharver for the information and added that he is hopeful that as people plan to develop or redevelop certain areas, they are cognizant of stormwater issues and make mitigation plans to address runoff.

Mr. Scharver added that the information is shared with member communities and there is potential for the development of an early warning system to alert communities where flooding is likely to occur based on observed patterns.

#### Authorization to Enter Into Contract

Resolution No. 313-22	Authorization to enter into a three-year requirement contract with ITR, LLC for predictive maintenance services at all Wastewater Treatment Plants and outlying facilities in an amount not-to-exceed \$308,479.50.
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Resolution No. 314-22	Authorization to enter into a three-year contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for the renewal of software licensing and support for GIS applications under the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00.
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**MOTION** – Mayor Alai moved, and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 313-22 through 314-22. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Resolution No. 313-22, President Brown noted that NEORSD has availed itself of these services for some time and presumably, the predictive maintenance model means that NEORSD is replacing parts or equipment prior to exceeding useful life, thereby mitigating some of the potential for catastrophic outcomes. President Brown requested additional information regarding the benefits of the services.

Frank Foley, Director of Operation and Maintenance, explained that predictive maintenance is a very valuable service. There are a number of analyses performed that are not typical of those performed in-house, such as vibration, oil, thermographic, and ultrasonic analysis, and motor testing. The services help NEORSD to preemptively understand where there could be a potential problem.

Mr. Foley invited Joe Yance, Superintendent of Maintenance Services, to discuss how the services have been helpful.

Mr. Yance provided a side-by-side comparison of what is visible on a piece of machinery just by looking at it versus thermographic images. The thermographic images demonstrated high temperature on wires and connections, which required a simple fix of cleaning the connections and tightening lug nuts to prevent a catastrophic failure of the equipment. Over the past year, NEORSD has had 65 corrective work orders that it has been able to address through these services.

President Brown noted that this provides context for programs that are in place which allow NEORSD to operate at optimal levels of efficiency. For example, if pumps are not running as efficiently as they should, they do not move water during storms as they should. President Brown offered kudos to staff in the WWTPs working behind the scenes to ensure things are running as they should.

#### Authorization of Contract Modification

Resolution No. 315-22	Authorizing final adjusting change order for Contract No. 21007127 with Sterling Professional Group for the GJM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor HR Area Office Space Renovation project by decreasing the contract amount by \$33,016.27, thereby bringing the total contract amount to \$338,002.53.
Resolution No. 316-22	Authorizing final adjusting change order for Contract No. 21000108 with Shook Construction for the Westerly Settling Tank Rehabilitation project by decreasing the contract amount by \$339,330.09, thereby bringing the total contract amount to \$2,899,070.11.

**MOTION** – Ms. Dumas moved, and Mayor Bacci seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 315-22 through 316-22. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Pay Dues

Resolution No. 317-22                      Authorization of renewal of the District’s National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Fiscal Year 2023 subscription for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$53,140.00.

**MOTION** – Ms. Dumas moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 317-22. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

Property Related Transaction

Resolution No. 318-22                      Authorization to appropriate one permanent stormwater easement at the property known as PPN 761-16-099, located at 19812 Cherrywood Lane, in the City of Warrensville Heights, owned by Teresa Thompson, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Mill Creek Bank Stabilization in Warrensville Heights project, and to deposit \$5,690.00 with the Cuyahoga County Probate Court as consideration for the same.

Resolution No. 319-22                      Authorization to appropriate one permanent stormwater easement at the property known as PPN 761-16-010, located at 4248 Cricket Lane, in the City of Warrensville Heights, owned by Rosia Foster, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Mill Creek Bank Stabilization in Warrensville Heights project, and to deposit \$2,330.00 with the Cuyahoga County Probate Court as consideration for the same.

Resolution No. 320-22                      Authorization to acquire one permanent stormwater easement at the property known as PPN 454-28-004, located on Sprague Road, in the City of Parma, owned by the Arbor Park Village Homeowners Association, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Big Creek Stream Restoration Upstream and Downstream of Ridge Road in Parma project with total consideration of \$9,329.00.

Resolution No. 321-22                      Authorization to acquire one temporary easement at the property known as PPN 454-28-005, located on Kelley Lane, in the City of Parma, owned by the Arbor Ridge Homeowners Association, necessary for the construction of the Big Creek Stream Restoration



Upstream and Downstream of Ridge Road in Parma project with total consideration of \$1,628.00.

Resolution No. 322-22      Authorization to acquire one permanent stormwater easement and one temporary easement at the property known as PPN 454-31-001, located on Sprague Road, in the City of Parma, owned by the Arbor Park Village Homeowners Association, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Big Creek Stream Restoration Upstream and Downstream of Ridge Road in Parma project with total consideration of \$3,364.00.

Resolution No. 323-22      Authorization to acquire one permanent stormwater easement and one temporary easement at the property known as PPN 733-26-002, located on Courtland Boulevard, in the City of Shaker Heights, owned by the Shaker Heights Country Club, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Doan Brook Stream Stabilization in Shaker Heights project with total consideration of \$1.00.

Resolution No. 324-22      Authorization to acquire two temporary easements and to enter into a right of entry agreement for access to the property known as PPNs 531-22-012 and 531-22-064, located at 201 Granger Road, in the Village of Brooklyn Heights, owned by Door Properties, LLC, necessary for the construction of the West Creek Stabilization in Brooklyn Heights project with total consideration of \$28,000.00.

Resolution No. 325-22      Authorization to acquire one permanent access easement and one permanent subterranean easement at the property known as PPN 104-02-014, located at 1160 Marquette Street, in the City of Cleveland, owned by VEREIT Real Estate, L.P., as successor in interest to BCP Cleveland, LLC, necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Shoreline Consolidation Sewer project with total consideration of \$57,600.00.

Resolution No. 326-22      Authorization to convey ownership of the fee simple parcels known as PPNs 583-14-002 and 583-14-015, located at 9175 Avery Road, in the City of Broadview Heights, to the West Creek Conservancy, contingent upon the CEO's acceptance of stormwater easements over the entirety of the parcels on behalf of the District, with total consideration of \$10.00.

**MOTION** –Mr. Sulik moved, and Mayor Alai seconded to adopt Resolution Nos. 318-22 through 326-22. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.



President Brown noted, regarding Resolution No. 323-22, that NEORSD has been working to address erosion and other issues in that area and for additional information. Mr. Scharver reminded the Board that it had previously authorized advertisement for this project on the south branch of Doan Brook and provided a photograph of the streambank erosion occurring within the country club. This easement will provide access to pull the slope back, revegetate, and stabilize the bank. This is important because NEORSD has already made investments downstream in the watershed, particularly at Green Lake.

The country club has other areas of bank erosion that NEORSD will address in the future. This project was born out of the Stormwater Master Plans and continuing stream inspections. It will help arrest the erosion, address some of the sediment transport issues, and protect the investments made downstream.

#### Hearing Officer Findings and Recommendations

Resolution No. 327-22	Adopting the findings and recommendations of the Hearing Officer regarding the sewer account of Tim Rosenberger ending in 9817, Sewer District Hearing No. 22-013, that the customer's request be denied.
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**MOTION** – Ms. Dumas moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 327-22. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

#### Authorization to Submit

Resolution No. 328-22	Authorization to submit to all Member Communities proposed changes to Titles III, IV, and V of the District's <i>Code of Regulations</i> , as presented.
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**MOTION** – Mayor Bacci moved, and Ms. Dumas seconded to adopt Resolution No. 328-22. After the following discussion, without objection, the motion carried unanimously.

President Brown requested an overview of any significant changes to the document, outside of cleaning up language and definitions, that the member communities are being asked to agree to and comply with.

Mr. Scharver explained that NEORSD has its own set of codes reflected in Titles III, IV, and V. Staff has performed an extensive review of those codes to update them. Mr. Scharver invited Jeff Jowett, Community Discharge Permit Program Manager, to provide an overview of the changes.

Mr. Jowett explained that Title III provides requirements and procedures for communities that have separate sanitary sewers. Title IV provides requirements and procedures for communities served by NEORSD that have combined sewers or are tributary to NEORSD's combined sewer system. Both of these titles help to ensure that the local sewers are being maintained and functioning properly. The authority for both of these titles comes from Ohio Revised Code Section 6119.08.

Changes to Title III include changes to the document structure to provide consistency with the other Codes to improve usability. Definitions were reviewed to provide consistency and remove any terms that are unused. The most significant change is the creation of the Water Quality Technical Support Program, which will aid communities in addressing water quality related issues regulated by other agencies. It is a voluntary program which will prepare communities to participate in NEORSD's Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP) to address water quality issues such as illicit discharges, failing septic systems, and SSOs.

The community discharge permit requires communities to control excessive inflow and infiltration; maintain and update local sewer data; and create a five-year compliance plan to comply with permit objectives.

Title IV had similar updates to the document structure and definitions to ensure consistency with other Codes of Regulations. The primary change is a new chapter which clearly identifies the process of connecting to the combined sewer system and the related requirements to ensure that new development does not increase runoff into the combined sewer system, creating increased flows downstream.

Currently, member communities that have separate sewers and combined sewers have two permits with NEORSD: one with Title III and one with Title IV. NEORSD is proposing a unified permit that will bring both Title III and Title IV into one single permit allowing for increased consistency and ease of use.

Overall, these updates will improve the simplicity of aligning Title III, Title IV, the permits, the Local Sewer System Evaluation Study (LSSES), the compliance plan, and MCIP. They will work in harmony to ensure that NEORSD improves water quality and infrastructure investment across the region.

Title V, the Regional Stormwater Management Code, had a minor update to increase eligibility for stormwater credits by allowing applicants that have partial responsibility for maintenance of a stormwater control measure and who may not directly drain to that stormwater control measure to receive or be eligible for a stormwater credit. Additionally, the definition of "associated impervious surface" was updated to reflect changes to credit eligibility.

President Brown asked what the review/comment time period is. Mr. Scharver explained that the proposed changes will go to the member communities for a 30-day period. NEORSD will receive the comments and incorporate them into the Codes and return to the Board for approval. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells added that community engineers were involved in the changes made to Title III. Mr. Scharver responded affirmatively and added that NEORSD has taken a cooperative approach in leading communities to MCIP funding for local collection systems improvements.

#### VI. Information Items

Mr. Scharver invited Janet Popielski, Stormwater Program Manager, to provide the program update.

Ms. Popielski began her presentation by discussing the Stormwater Inspection and Maintenance (SWIM) Program, which has performed over 1,000 inspections this year, with approximately 300 more to be completed by year-end. This is on pace with 2021. The inspections are performed to identify issues on the regional systems and frequently result in work orders or maintenance projects to alleviate sediment and debris issues.

There have been 142 SWIM projects this year, down from last year, as the rainfall has been less severe. This has allowed staff to address larger scale maintenance issues, especially pertaining to legacy sediment built up in the system. For example, under Riverview Road in Brecksville is a culvert that was installed in the 1930s that filled up with sediment from upstream erosion that worsened when the area was developed, resulting in frequent road flooding. Staff removed over 400 cubic yards of material along 500 linear feet of the tributary. This is a temporary solution while a long-term plan to replace the culvert and address erosion upstream can be developed.

SWIM has also been overseeing property demolitions on properties purchased by NEORSD and performed by a demolition contractor. There have been 9 demolitions this year and three more are anticipated.

As a result of the completed Stormwater Master Plans, over 400 projects have been nominated and scored, and are in the process of prioritizing into the construction program. The scoring process assesses probable annual risk of flooding and erosion as well as the benefits of the project. The top 50 of 400 projects have been identified and of them, 40% are in the Cuyahoga River North Watershed; 36% are in the Chagrin River and Lake Erie Direct Tributaries Watershed. These are the portions of the service area which were mostly developed prior to any stormwater regulations. They tend to be large and expensive projects which will require advanced planning and phasing to complete.

One of the focus areas is the Puritas Basin, which is the largest basin on the regional system in the City of Cleveland. NEORSD is conducting additional flow monitoring to assess the benefits of the basin to the downstream area and will look for alternatives to expand or modify the basin and determine what is needed in to provide improvements along the regional system.

Similar assessments and planning are ongoing in the Milligan Avenue, McGowan, and Carrington neighborhood of Cleveland to address systemic flooding in the area. Additional modeling is being performed to identify long-term and short-term solutions. One short-term solution identified was to performing dredging downstream of the Milligan Avenue area.

The Watershed Technical Support Group continues working to secure 319 Grants and currently has 6 projects that are either in design, construction, or completing construction. These grant projects are typically completed with NEORSD's partners such as Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, West Creek Conservancy, and similar organizations. Through this process, NEORSD has been able to complete \$3.2 million worth of projects with approximately \$1.5 million in NEORSD funds, meaning that 55% of funds have come from outside sources.

Ms. Popielski provided a map of Chippewa Creek at Echo Lane in Broadview Heights, where NEORSD has worked with 27 parcel owners to acquire fee simple acquisitions, temporary easements, or permanent easements, demonstrating the level of effort needed to perform stream restorations. To date, 63 properties have been acquired through fee simple and 192 permanent easements have been acquired through the regional program.

The Stormwater Design Group has been working diligently on the Doan Brook Restoration near Horseshoe Lake Park project. The Board authorized the predesign contract in April 2022, and that phase is underway, including sediment sampling, geotechnical investigations, surveying, and community engagement. Design alternatives are being developed and will be presented in the near future. The community engagement process began in August and has been well attended. This process has been helpful in educating the public about the technical challenges within the project, and to allow the public to provide feedback via an online survey.

President Brown asked what type of information is being gathered by the survey. Ms. Popielski explained that because it is a public space that will be recreated, NEORSD is looking to gather information about how the public utilizes the space, how they get there, things they would like to see, and what is most important to them. Once the information is compiled, it will be presented to the Board.

NEORSD has hosted walking tours and pop-up tours and continues to host walking tours in the Doan Brook area to discuss the hydrology and geology. There is a walking tour planned for October 22 and 23, that will start in Horseshoe Lake Park to discuss the past and future of the area. There are additional pop-ups being planned. In December, there will be an unveiling of the alternatives to the public with a virtual presentation followed by a public forum, where community feedback will again be collected. Afterward, there will be a refinement of the alternatives and a selection of a preferred alternative later on.

Another project in the design phase is a class 1 high-hazard dam located in Forest Hill Park in East Cleveland. The dam was built in the 1960s for flood control and it was determined through the Master Plan to not actually provide flood control benefit. It is still regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and because it was deemed deficient, will need to be upgraded, modified, or removed. The design process will assess a modification to remove it from ODNR classification, or complete removal. The project will likely go out to bid next year.

Identifying worrisome culverted streams has also been a focus, as many of them are corrugated metal. There are two on Mill Creek in Garfield Heights, and one in Cleveland just west of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street, which will require either complete relining or replacement because of their deteriorated condition.

President Brown asked if those culverts would be replaced with corrugated metal. Ms. Popielski explained that they would not, rather most likely they would be replaced with concrete pipe, dependent on potential loading.

Under the Stormwater Construction Group, there are 10 projects in various stages of construction. Of note, the Pepper Luce Creek Culvert Replacement/Rehabilitation at Gates Mills Boulevard in the City of Pepper Pike Project. The project will involve replacing and rehabilitation of some sections of culverted stream and enlarging a detention basin in the median of Gates Mills Boulevard, to alleviate flooding of the boulevard.

Also of note, and in the early stages of construction, is a culvert improvement in the Village of North Randall to replace several sections of deteriorated culvert in a residential neighborhood. The project requires work to be performed in peoples' backyards, necessitating collaboration with the Mayor and the city's residents.

Lastly, the Blodgett Creek bank stabilization in the City of Strongsville involves 350 feet of stream stabilization, similar to what is being performed at the country club in Shaker Heights. During the design phase, it was discovered that there is a sanitary sewer in poor condition adjacent to the stream. The city requested that the sewer replacement be included in the project and provided the funding to do so. This will allow the work to be done at the same time without disrupting the stream again in the future.

Community Cost-Share funds continue to be utilized by member communities. There is currently a \$34.9 million account balance with 111 project agreements executed and 26 additional projects with agreements in progress. There are 29 approved allocation agreements which will be drawing \$9.46 million in funds. The reimbursement requests continue to come in, with a total of \$5.19 million for the year and \$37.5 million reimbursed since the program's inception.

VII. Open Session

There were no items.

VIII. Public Session (any subject matter)

There were no items.

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Bacci, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1), moved, and Mr. Sulik seconded to enter an executive session to consider the appointment and employment of public employees. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 1:39 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 2:14 p.m.

X. Approval of Items from Executive Session

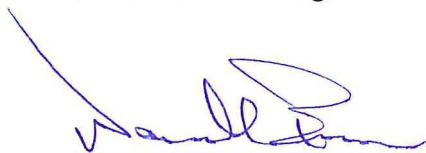
There were no items.

XI. 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 2:15 p.m. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously.



Timothy J. DeGeeter, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
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Darnell Brown, President  
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