

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Vice-President
Tia Cauley, Member
Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Member
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd
By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Steve Flowers
Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Miguel Rivera, Jawann Jones

Staff Present: Lilia Ramos, Acting
Secretary
Staff Present Telephonic: Joseph
Allegretti, Bill Biller, Ken Myers, Rene Cid

MR. FLOWERS: Before I start the agenda today, we need to do election of officers for Sanitary Board and Storm Water Board. At this time I'd like to nominate Mr. Mike Rivera as president for the upcoming fiscal year 2022. Is there a motion?

MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: The motion has been properly second. Any questions? (None)
Motion carries. Mr. Rivera, you will be president for the next 2022-year, starting at our next meeting.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think the Board should reappoint Alysia Dunbar our secretary for the ensuing year, just designate her by motion.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Okay. I'd like to appoint
Miss Alysia Dunbar as Board secretary for the 2022
2 fiscal year.

3 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

4 MR. MORICZ: Second.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
6 (All signify aye.)

7 Motion carries. Miss Dunbar is the
secretary for the 2022-year.

8 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Also, Mr. Flowers, I
think you should also elicit nominations for
9 Vice-president to the Board.

10 MR. RIVERA: I'll nominate Steve Flowers
for Vice-president.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a motion?

12 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

13 MR. JONES: Second.

14 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
15 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

16 Motion carries. Steve Flowers will
be vice-president for 2022-year.

17 Lilia Ramos is here acting as
secretary in Miss Dunbar's place tonight.

18 Next we have approval of minutes
from December 16, 2021.

19 MR. MORICZ: Motion to approve minutes.

20 MR. RIVERA: Second.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
22 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

23 Motion carries. Next report from
24 Field Operations, Ken Myers.

25 MR. MYERS: I have no report, but I am
available to answer any questions the Board may have.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Myers. Any
2 questions, Commissioners? (None) Moving on, report
3 from Solid Waste, Rene Cid.

4 MR. CID: I have no report as of now.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you. Report from
6 Financial Consultant, Bill Biller.

7 MR. BILLER: No report.

8 MR. FLOWERS: Report from legal counsel,
9 Attorney Allegretti.

10 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just briefly, in our
11 Indiana Regulatory Commission Rate case the
12 Administrative Law Judge is conducting a public hearing
13 next Tuesday, the 11th. I think that is in the Common
14 Council Chambers, beginning at 6:00 o'clock. It was
15 originally advertised and scheduled for the Pastrick
16 Library, but because of the COVID situation, that
17 meeting room was no longer available. We kind of
18 scurried around, and there is a Park Board meeting at
19 5:00 o'clock, which isn't expected to go long, and the
20 Mayor's office made the council chambers available for
21 the Administrative Law Judge to conduct a hearing,
22 beginning at 6:00 o'clock.

23 Our IURC counsel is coming from
24 Indianapolis to attend. It's hard to predict what kind
25 of public reception to expect. Often these things are
just crickets, nobody comes and nobody is interested.
We know that a couple of our industrial customers have
expressed interest in lobbying and participating in the
process, and trying to have some input as to the sewer
user charges effecting their businesses.

I am going to attend just because,
you know, I am. The Board of course is welcome. The
matter is going to be presided over, as I say, by the
Administrative Law Judge. We do have a stake in the
outcome. Any Board members who are interested in
attending are certainly welcome and I will be sending
everybody out a reminder, reminding everybody of the
specific time and place.

We are not expected to participate.
Mr. Myers isn't expected to testify or make any
comments. This is just kind of a show of the
Administrative Law Judge. It's a procedural requirement
of the process and that's it. I will be happy to attend
and I'll be sure to send something out to the

1 Commissioners. Thank you.

2 MR. FLOWERS: Okay, just to be clear, it
3 is going to be a meeting in the chambers, next Tuesday,
4 January 11th, at 6:00 o'clock, and Attorney Allegretti
5 will send out notice to Commissioners to make them
6 aware. Are you saying it is not mandatory we appear,
7 but might be nice to make an appearance?

8 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It's not our meeting.
9 It's the meeting of the Indiana Utility Regulatory
10 Commissioner, presided over by the Senior State
11 Administrative Law Judge. So we are not -- the
12 commissioners are not obligated to be there. It is not
13 our meeting and we don't need a quorum. It's just the
14 subject matter of course is our rate case. So we are
15 just kind of going to be spectators, but it is an
16 important step in the process.

17 MR. FLOWERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
18 Allegretti.

19 New Business: Rate sheet from GPRS
20 for the 2022-year.

21 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to accept the
22 rate sheet of GPRS for the year 2022.

23 MR. MORICZ: Second.

24 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
25 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

Next we have BioChem, Inc., rate
sheet for 2022. Is there a motion?

MR. MYERS: The rate sheet is for the
pricing of a polymer that we use in our dewatering of
our biosolids. It's something that is part of our
routine daily operations and we are just looking for
approval of this rate sheet so we can maintain ordering
the necessary supplies here at the beginning of the
year.

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to accept the
rate sheet for BioChem for the year 2022.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
2 Motion carries.
Past Due memo on invoice for
3 \$670.00, Trevino's Towing.

4 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

5 MR. RIVERA: Second.

6 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
7 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.
8 Next is Runnion Equipment Req and
Invoice for \$4,202.71. Is there a motion?

9 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

10 MR. MORICZ: Second.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
12 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
13 Motion carries.
Unfinished Business: None
14 Public Comment: None
Next meeting date is January 20,
15 2022, at 4:30, here in the chambers. Is there a motion
to adjourn?

16 MR. RIVERA: Motion to adjourn.

17 MR. JONES: Second.

18 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor say aye?
19 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
January 6, 2022


Approved and signed January 20, 2022

Steve Flowers, President

Ben Moricz, Vice-President

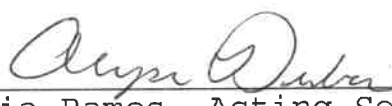
/s/ TIA CAULEY
/s/ JAWANN JONES
/s/ ALOJZY MORICZ
/s/ STEVE FLOWERS

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Jawann Jones



~~Lilia Ramos~~, Acting Secretary

Alysia Dunbar

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly Qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 10th day of January, 2022.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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