

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 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, Miguel
Rivera, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Joseph Allegretti, Legal
Ken Myers, Operations
Rebecca Sliger, Financial
Ateria Allen, Board Secretary

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order
the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of
Commissioners of East Chicago, for February 16, 2023.
First item, approval of minutes from
February 2, 2023.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Check Warrants, Sanitary District,
Wastewater Division. I'm going to group the three
warrants together and get one motion to approve.

Warrant 020723 SW, amount of
\$114,414.21.

1 Warrant 021623 SW, amount of
\$178,386.89.

2 Warrant 021623 SR, amount
\$47,919.60.

3 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

4 MS. CAULEY: Second.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
6 (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

7 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
8 Payroll Warrants: 020323, Sanitary
Board Payroll, dates of 1-14-23 to 1-27-23.
9 Warrant 020323, Wastewater Payroll,
dates of 1-14-23 to 1-27-23.
10 Warrant 020323, Utility Payroll,
dates of 1-14-23 to 1-27-23.

11 MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

12 MR. RIVERA: Second.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
14 (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

15 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District, Solid Waste
16 Division. Warrant 021623 SS, amount of \$38,311.69.
Warrant 020323, Solids Payroll, dates of
17 1-14-23 to 1-27-23.

18 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

19 MS. CAULEY: Second.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

21 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
22 Report from Field Operations, Ken
Myers.

23 MR. MYERS: I have one item to bring to
24 your attention. We have advertised for bids for our
biosolids, the transportation and disposal of biosolids,
25 in the Times paper this past Monday. Bids are due at
the end of the month. At the next scheduled Board

1 meeting I will present a recommendation for the award
2 for biosolids.

3 As a note to that, later on under
4 the rate sheets, I do have an extension from Synagro.
5 In the interim, this was proposed as an interim rate for
6 next month after their current agreement terminated here
7 in February. So you will need to take action on that
8 temporary rate extension before we actually have an
9 award of the full contract for biosolids. That's all I
10 have for you.

11 MR. FLOWERS: Report from Solid Waste,
12 Rene Cid. (None)
13 Report from Financial, Bill Biller.

14 MS. SLIGER: No report that I know of.

15 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.
16 Report from Legal Counsel, Mr. Joe
17 Allegretti.

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report.

19 MR. FLOWERS: New Business. Resolution
20 SD 23-02, A Resolution of the Board of Sanitary
21 Commissioners of East Chicago Sanitary District
22 authorizing the transfer of appropriations into
23 different budget categories.

24 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to accept
25 Resolution SD 23-02.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Agreement: GPRS 2023 Service
Agreement, not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.

MR. JONES: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

1 Proposals: Electric Motor Services
2 Inc., 250-horsepower pump motor, amount of \$11,150.00.

3 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

4 MR. JONES: Second.

5 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
6 (All signify aye.)

7 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
8 Gateway Business Systems Inc.,
9 Konica Minolta Bizhub C451, amount of \$5,898.51.

10 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

11 MR. MORICZ: Second.

12 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
15 Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc.,
16 screen repair with time and material, amount of
17 \$10,089.97.

18 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

19 MR. MORICZ: Second.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
21 (All signify aye.)

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
23 Rate Sheet: Synagro, biosolids
24 hauling and disposal agreement extension, not-to-exceed
25 \$50,000.00. Mr. Myers, this is what you referred to
earlier?

 MR. MYERS: Yes, this is correct. They
 currently have a rate agreement that expires at the end
 of the month. I anticipate them bidding on the new
 contract, but in the interim we still have disposal
 rates for the next month and they will be billed at the
 seven percent increase of their disposal rates.

 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve.

 MS. CAULEY: Second.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

3 Invoice to be paid: Element, amount
4 of \$5,818.70.

5 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

8 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

9 Element, amount of \$3,016.22.

10 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

11 MS. CAULEY: Second.

12 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

13 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

14 Adjustments: Oscar Martinez, 3926
15 Grand Boulevard. States here, reason for adjustment in
16 the amount of \$27.88. The payment should be posted to
17 the correct account under 16042, which it was the owners
18 rental property. The renter came in and disputed the
19 balance. And upon seeing these two accounts are owned
20 by the same owner, it was noted that it was posted to
21 the wrong account for the owners property account.

18 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

19 MR. JONES: Second.

20 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

21 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

22 Bracamontes MA, 4857 Homerlee
23 Avenue. States here the reason for adjustment, owner's
24 meter was inadequately transposed during bill. The
25 meter was reflecting a counter-clockwise reading. The
reading installed was at zero and reading reflected the
99999 at the time of billing. As a result of that, the
bill was assessed the usage amount inadequately.

1 MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

2 MR. JONES: Second.

3 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
4 (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

5 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Arcelor Mittal, A. Schulman Inc.,
6 HTI Logistics, Cline Avenue Bridge, Cleveland Cliffs,
and Citgo Petro Corporation. It states here, it was
7 noted that additional penalty was entered inadequately.
The biller was on vacation and when she came back did
8 not realize the fellow biller had assessed penalties on
the bill that ran during her leave. Upon her return the
9 biller entered the additional penalty inadequately,
which needs to be an adjusted.

10 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

11 MS. CAULEY: Second.

12 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
13 (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

14 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Past Due Invoices: NH Tierra,
15 amount of \$4,460.00. There is no explanation attached.

16 MS. SLIGER: The explanation is that she
received the invoice on 2-13-23 via e-mail.

17 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to approve.

18 MR. CAULEY: Second.

19 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
20 (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

21 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Lindy's Hardware, amount of \$143.67.

22 MS. SLIGER: The reasoning was, she
received the invoice via e-mail February 9, 2023.

23 MR. RIVERA: Motion to approve.

24 MS. CAULEY: Second.
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1 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
(None) All in favor say aye?

2 (All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

3 Thank you for reading it. I didn't
4 have it in my packet.

Butler Fairman & Seufert, this
5 invoice should be disregarded.

6 MS. SLIGER: Yes. That is an SRF invoice
and SRF invoices do not require past due memos.

7 MR. FLOWERS: So it's removed and motion
is not necessary. Thank you.

8 Xylem Service Solutions, amount of
\$4,471.15.

9 MS. SLIGER: Reason for delinquent
10 statement, they were received by e-mail on February 6th,
2023.

11 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

12 MS. CAULEY: Second.

13 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions or concerns?
14 (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

15 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Unfinished Business: None

16 Public Comments: None

17 Next meeting date is March 12, 2023,
at 4:30, location at City Hall.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

18 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

19 MR. JONES: Second.

20 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
21 (All signify aye.)

22 MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Meeting
adjourned.

23 ***** Meeting adjourned *****
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
February 16, 2023

Approved and signed MARCH 2, 2023




Steve Flowers, President



Miguel (Mike) Rivera, Vice-President

Tia Cauley



Ben Moricz



Jawann Jones



Ateria Allen, Secretary

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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 17th day of February, 2023.

Peggy S. LaLonde

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

