

**Delaware County Regional Wastewater District
Board of Trustees**

September 6, 2023

Members present, roll call: Mr. W. Walters, Mr. R. Maynard, Mrs. J. Boyce, Mr. P. Olson, Mr. J. Taulbee, Mr. R. Hensley and Mrs. B. Ragland.

Ex-Officio Member: not present

Staff present: Director Richards, Mrs. P. Ring, Mr. D. Jones, Attorney Struble

Others present: Mrs. Jennifer Wilson, CROWE; Mr. Dustin Meeks, Barnes & Thornburg; Mrs. Ashli Smith, Spotted Monkey

President Walters called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Ragland motioned to approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Olson motioned to approve the claims from July 28th through August 31st, 2023 totaling \$605,240.16. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Director Richards stated Mr. Bellucci sent a recommendation letter to the board to accept Brackney Inc.'s bid of \$4,110,725.00 for the Royerton Sewer Project. The County Commissioners are giving us \$1,500,000.00 of ARP money towards the project and the remainder of the cost will be bonded. **Mr. Taulbee motioned to approve the Royerton Sanitary Sewer Project bid in the amount of \$4,110,725.00. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Dustin Meeks presented the board with copies of Bond Ordinance 2023-03. Discussion was held. **Mr. Maynard motioned to introduce Bond Ordinance 2023-03. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. W. Walters, yes; Mr. R. Maynard, yes; Mrs. J. Boyce, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. J. Taulbee, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; and Mrs. B. Ragland, yes. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Olson motioned to suspend the rules of adoption. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. W. Walters, yes; Mr. R. Maynard, yes; Mrs. J. Boyce, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. J. Taulbee, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; and Mrs. B. Ragland, yes. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Olson motioned to adopt Bond Ordinance 2023-03. Mr. Maynard seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. W. Walters, yes; Mr. R. Maynard, yes; Mrs. J. Boyce, yes; Mr. P. Olson, yes; Mr. J. Taulbee, yes; Mr. R. Hensley, yes; and Mrs. B. Ragland, yes. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards asked the board for a motion to approve CROWE's Engagement Letter. **Mr. Olson motioned to approve CROWE's Engagement Letter. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Taulbee motioned to approve CROWE's No Material Conflict Letter. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards presented the board with the new employee health insurance quotes. There is a 7% increase in the current Anthem plan; he recommends to stay with Anthem. **Mr. Maynard motioned to**

accept the Anthem health insurance quote. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 7-0. He provided lawncare quotes to the board for the Farm Bureau building and recommended to proceed with Phil's Lawncare. **Mr. Olson motioned to have Phil's Lawncare do the lawn maintenance for the Farm Bureau building. Mrs. Boyce seconded. Motion passed 7-0.** Director Richards got a quote from Maxitrol to provide security for the Farm Bureau building for a one-year contract in the amount of \$4,504.75 with a monthly fee of \$89.00. **Mr. Olson motioned to table the Maxitrol quote. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 6-0 with Mrs. Boyce abstaining.**

Director Richards stated Mr. Bellucci recommends we proceed to release the Overlook Dr. Sewer Extension project to bid. **Mr. Maynard motioned to release the Overlook Dr. Sewer Extension project to bid. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards stated a lift station that services the Factory Shops needs stainless steel rail sections, chains and check valves replaced. He just received a quote from Quality in the amount of \$10,186.00. **Mr. Maynard motioned to approve the Quality quote of \$10,186.00. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards stated past due collections for all areas total \$1020.53. There were three properties reconnected and two disconnected in the month of August.


Attorney Struble asked the board if they would be open to approve the Muncie Sanitary District addendum to our treatment contract with them by the e-mail chain. **Mr. Maynard motioned to approve the Muncie Sanitary District addendum from the e-mail chain. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 7-0.** She would like Director Richards to have the authority to work with a Realtor to sell the Farm Bureau building. She has sent the notice in to the newspaper for the public hearing regarding selling the Farm Bureau property. The public hearing/special meeting will be held on September 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. **Mr. Maynard motioned for Director Richards to work with a Realtor on the sale of the Farm Bureau property. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Mrs. Wilson explained the Bond Bank report to the board. She will work with Director Richards to get information to the Bond Bank for the rate and coverage. She would like a representative at the Bond Bank board meeting. It is held next Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Smith reported they posted the Invoice Cloud fees increase schedule online; and also let customers know that the office has an ACH option that is free. There are updates on projects she will address with Director Richards.

Hearing no further comments, President Walters adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. W. Walters, President