

**Martin County Sanitation District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Presiding: James Kerr, Chairman

Present: Directors: John Hensley, Nina McCoy, Greg Crum, BJ Slone
Staff: Brian Cumbo (Attorney), Craig Miller (GM), Jon Ridings (LM),
Cassandra Moore

Guests: Doug Blackburn

The Regular Meeting of the Martin County Sanitation District was held on January 24, 2023, at the Martin County Government Center, at 42 East Main St (2nd Floor), Inez, Kentucky 41224. Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Kerr called for review of the December 20, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes.

- Nina McCoy stated that she didn't like how the minutes were written in the Water meeting so this will carry into the Sanitation minutes as well. She wants "After further review and discussion" removed
- Mr. Miller advised in the water meeting that we can remove that line and make the minutes more to her liking
- Mrs. McCoy motioned to accept the December 20, 2022 minutes with the removal of "After further review and discussion in the next meeting minutes"
- Mr. Hensley seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried.

Mr. Kerr requested discussion on the review and consideration of the Financial Reports.

- Mr. Ridings detailed each report as submitted
- Mr. Slone motioned to approve the Treasure's report as submitted
- Mr. Hensley seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried
- Mr. Ridings presented Other Financials
- Mr. Slone motioned to approve Other Financials
- Mrs. McCoy seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Mr. Kerr called for review and consideration to Approve Bills.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the List of Bills
- Mr. Crum seconded
- All ayes
- Motion approved

Mr. Kerr asked if there were any legal issues to discuss.

Mr. Kerr called for review of the Operations Report.

- Staff winterized the TVWWTP and IWWTP in preparation for the deep freeze weather events
- Friday the 13th, the Saltwell lift station went down. Had a flange bust and issues with the pressure gauge.
- Pumped Quail Hollow station to pull and clean grinder pump
- Dempsey Station pumped
- Ordered new hoses for pumping
- Set 8 E-One grinder pumps, down to 6 still being out
- Mr. Miller is looking into the possibility of having a catch basin installed in the Quail Hollow lift station. The will allow the options to collect big items before reaching the pump. It would be a basket under neath the flow going into the intake.

Mr. Kerr inquired if there was any Other Old Business to discuss.

- Mr. Kerr referred to Committee for Addressing Customer's Not Paying Sanitation Bills
- There was no meeting because of the freeze
- The Board decided to table until the next meeting

Mr. Kerr inquired if there was any Other New Business to discuss.

- Staff presented the Board with the Equipment Lease Agreement approved by the Board on March 9th, 2018 as prepared by Cumbo Law Office
- In searching for the original signed copy, staff was unable to locate the original signed document
- Per Mr. Cumbo, in the water meeting, he advised the agreement should reflect the original date
- Official signed copy will be filed with Cumbo Law Office, and extra copy will be filed at the District Billing Office
- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the Equipment Lease Agreement and make it office and right
- Mr. Slone seconded
- All ayes

- Motion carried

Executive Session not required.

Mr. Kerr inquired if there were any guest requesting to speak.

- Doug Blackburn asked, “why we were using Dirty Work Septic to pump tanks and locations.” “Why not use our guys and pumps.”
- Mr. Hensley answered that any time you see Dirty Works on the List of Bills it’s because our pumpers is down
- Mr. Miller also advised it may also be too big of a job for our truck. For example, the Saltwell lift station is too big for our pumpers, Dirty Works can access it easier and faster. It also has better suction
- Doug Blackburn asked about the Zip Zone fuel debt?
- Doug Blackburn said he thought Mr. Miller mention that they have fuel cards now? Which is it?
- Mr. Kerr advised that this was the old vender debt. Just like water, this is the Sanitation debt
- Doug Blackburn mentioned we were behind on Alliance. “He knows Alliance is here to make a profit, they’re not here to hand out charity to us.” “However, there’s a limit of how much we can stand.”
- Mr. Kerr informed Doug Blackburn that they were in the process of a plan now. They will use the “same similar playbook” so to speak that they did with the water debt. They are in the process of working that plan now. Sanitation is a big problem.
- Mr. Hensley reminded everyone that we have an Engineering firm hired specifically for the Sewer when funding becomes available
- Mr. Kerr mentioned to Mr. Miller that there was some money announced for Sanitation. He isn’t sure of the amount at the moment, but he would get back to everyone with the amount as soon as he could
- Mr. Blackburn asked why we don’t extend the Sanitation lines
- Mr. Kerr responded that we need more customers on the existing line to connect, not extending lines right now. Sanitation needs a lot of work, hopefully in the next year they can start making progress on the Sanitation side. They have a plan in place and will start working on that soon

Mr. Kerr requested a motion to adjourn.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.
- Mr. Slone seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2023.

James Kerr, Chairman

Cassandra Moore, District Clerk