

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

**September 4, 2024**

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

**Ex-Officio Member:** none present

**Staff present:** Director Richards, Mrs. P. Ring, Mr. S. Friend, Attorney Struble

**Others present:** Mr. R. Bellucci, Commonwealth Eng.; Mrs. A. Smith, Spotted Monkey.

**President Walters called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mrs. Boyce motioned to approve the August 7, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Mr. Olson motioned to approve the claims from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 totaling \$457,883.57. Mrs. Ragland seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards presented a quote to the board from Structured Solutions in the amount of \$11,808.00 for inlining and epoxy of five force main discharge manholes in Daleville. **Mr. Olson motioned to approve the Structured Solutions quote in the amount of \$11,808.00. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards presented a quote to the board from BBC in the amount of \$40,209.00 to upgrade lift station alarm monitoring equipment. He stated we have 30 lift stations that are retro fitted with fire alarms. During the last two years there has been an issue with the alarm defaulting back to factory settings if a battery fails; this results in the Fire Department being called instead of the District staff. Discussion was held regarding the new alarm equipment and benefits. He is waiting on quotes for installation of the alarm equipment. **Mr. Olson motioned to approve the quote from BBC for lift station monitoring equipment not to exceed the amount of \$40,209.00 with a recommendation to go with the Crystal Ball monitoring system instead of the XR 50s. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Mr. Olson motioned to pay Commonwealth's pay app for the Overlook Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$26.53. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Mr. Olson motioned to pay Commonwealth's pay app for the Royerton Sanitary Sewer Improvement project in the amount of \$11,628.86. Mr. Maynard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**

Director Richards reached out for quotes on employee health insurance plans because of the increase in our Anthem renewal plan this year. He then consulted with the Finance Committee regarding the employee health insurance quotes. Discussion was held regarding the different plans that were

presented. Mrs. Boyce motioned to accept the IU Health Gold 1250 Select Option 27 employee health insurance plan. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

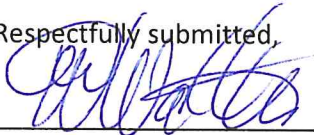
Mr. Olson motioned to give Anthem notice of plan termination. Mr. Taulbee seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Smith reported updates on social media and posted today's meeting changes online and on Facebook.

Attorney Struble stated Brackney would like to start working on the Royerton Sanitary Sewer Improvement project to take advantage of the dry weather. In order to start now, before harvest of crops in the area where digging will be starting, Brackney and Mr. Joe Russell came to an agreement for payment of crop damage. Attorney Struble drafted an ordinance for grinder pump systems and it will be ready to be introduced in next months meeting. She has not heard anything from Wasson's Nursery.

Director Richards stated collections last month were \$192.99; this month collections are \$2886.92. Two properties were reconnected. He is going through the claims process with AEP for damage to our property. The total of the damage is about \$15,000.00. Brackney has started preparing to dig. We will ask Mrs. Smith to post updates as the project progresses. SLB is finished with the Overlook Drive Extension project in Daleville. Director Richards has Commonwealth's set of As-builts for the project. He is still waiting on information regarding SLB's payment for repairs to the customers to clear and retainage is being held until that is settled. Regarding the 2025 budget, Director Richards hopes to meet with the Finance Committee and discuss the proposed budget in October or November at the latest. He reported Chesterfield and Yorktown are not giving treatment rate increases; Muncie Sanitary District is currently doing a rate study and we will know that rate for the budget when the study is completed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mr. W. Walters, President