

Nature Works Conservancy District
June 19, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Kevin Steele, Dillon Dalton, Geoff Blanco, and Troyanne Libassi

Also in Attendance: David Hollenbeck, Nathan Howell, John Sturgill, and Jennifer Ray

Kevin Steele called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

The minutes from the April 17, 2024, meeting was approved as presented.

Jennifer Ray reviewed the March and April financial reports which were approved as presented. Jennifer then presented the generator preventative maintenance agreement with Evapar. After reviewing a motion was made and seconded to approve the agreement. Motion carried. Jennifer then went on to discuss with the Board the MS4 program. Jennifer noted that the annual report was submitted and the representative from IDEM did inquire regarding community outreach events. Jennifer also stated that in order to finalize the new Storm Water Quality Management Plan an agreement needed to be completed between Porter County and the district regarding construction storm water management.

MCO, Nathan Howell reported on Plant performance and needs **(attached Exhibit B)**

Nathan reported that they are still having gravel issues and now have a sinkhole next to the building at the plant. Nathan further reported that they are going to excavate and install a bypass line. This is still under investigation. Braemar has an ongoing lift station issue. There was a pump failure alarm. They believe the breaker is worn. The panels were installed without disconnects. Nathan further reported that most of the manholes were evaluate last year and that there are still about 40 to verify and will pick out the most critical to have lined. Nathan reported that there will be multiple shutdowns within the plant when Bowen installs the new airlines. Nathan finally reported about a new Indiana 811 law that requires a lot of additional work for member utilities. He is looking for a company that will do the locates for the district.

John Sturgill with McMahan Group presented Bowan pay application Number 4 for Phase 1 Wastewater work in the amount of \$68,086.23. John reported that the air piping work has begun and that the pads and panels for the lift stations received and the new controls set up. Next John presented Bowan pay application Number 2 for Phase 2 Stormwater work in the amount of \$146,162.70. John reported that the new line is done, and restoration work will be completed. John also reported that the Filar project is complete, and we received the invoice from RV Sutton for the work. A motion was made and seconded to accept the engineering report that this project is now complete. Motion carried. This report will be

forwarded to the Filar attorney. A motion was made and seconded to approve the presented payment applications. Motion carried.

Attorney Hollenbeck reported that they are set to close on the financing on Friday with 1st Source Bank.

The Payment of claims was presented and approved.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held August 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ray, Property Manager
1st American Management Co., Inc., as Agent
Nature Works Conservancy District