

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSE FINANCING BOARD**

January 24, 2023

The Tippecanoe County Local Environmental Response Financing Board met on January 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall. Present were: David Byers, Tony Roswarski, Kevin Underwood, John Dennis and Zach Beasley. Absent: Eileen Hession Weiss

Tony Benton, Attorney from Stuart & Branigin, was also present.

MINUTES

Mr. Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting as submitted. Mr. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Benton stated that the 2022 officers were David Byers as President and John Dennis as Secretary. Mr. Beasley moved to retain Mr. Byers as Board Chair and to retain Mr. Dennis as Secretary for 2023 office. Mr. Roswarski seconded. Motion Carried.

READING AND SIGNING OF CLAIMS

The following Claims (all with attached documentation) were presented to the Board for payment:

- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$23,527.73. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$11,188.79. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$6,040.96. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$19,876.27. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Stuart & Branigin for services provided in the amount of \$2,625.00. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Waste Management for services provided in the amount of \$8,909.91. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from City of Lafayette for services provided in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Tippecanoe County for services provided in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Keramida

Vicki Keramida, Keramida, stated that they having been trying to communicate with IDEM to convince them to take back the landfill site from the EPA. Keramida has been successful in convincing IDEM to want it back and have communicated with the EPA project manager trying to bring him down to the landfill site or Keramida can go to him. Keramidas second goal is to revamp the efforts to delist the landfill site. Mrs. Keramida stated that the last project manager that we had was completely unreasonable but he no longer works for the EPA now. The project manager that replaced him is David Nadel and seems to be more reasonable to work with.

Mrs. Keramida stated that EPA document check list and risk assessment process was completed and turned into the EPA by Keramida in 2014. Now that the project managers have changed so many times in the last few years, EPA is not onboard with the delisting in its entirety. IDEM is fully supportive of the documents and the policy that was put into place. Mrs. Keramida explained the process that they would have to go through with the EPA and IDEM to get the ball rolling again on the delisting including the arsenic levels. Keramida is scheduled to meet with the EPA and IDEM the second week of February to discuss the landfill site and how to move forward with the delisting etc. Mrs. Keramida stated that Jessica Fliss is now the IDEM Chief of Superfund which will be positive going forward. The Boards' new project manager at IDEM is now Katie Neighbors.

Mrs. Keramida explained to the Board that the EPA would give them a closure and delisting for soils but not for groundwater. The recommendation is now to push for that partial delisting for soils. Mrs. Keramida reminding the Board that a few years back the students from Purdue University gave presentations on site re-use and solar energy was a major consideration. Mrs. Keramida stated that the solar industry has changed since the Board looked into it a few years back and recommends looking into that concept again for re-use first. The soil delisting could be beneficial to the Board moving forward. Keramida will try for the full delisting at the meeting in February but if that doesn't work they will push for just the soils delisting. Discussion ensued regarding the arsenic, groundwater, soil on the landfill site, and getting the support of the Senators for Indiana.

Chairman Byers suggested putting together a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new solar option at the landfill site. Mr. Benton stated that he can put together the RFP for the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the solar option, re-use options, and potential future land acquisitions near the site.

Mrs. Keramida stated that the site is doing fine even with the aging equipment. The old pumps are being replaced with refurbished or new pumps due to failure and there is one well that has silted quite a bit and needs replaced. Mrs. Keramida stated that they are still burning methane onsite.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Byers stated that he will be having Jessica Rebmann from Turquoise Wealth Management make a short presentation to update the Board on the current financials at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dennis moved to adjourn. Mr. Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

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The time being 2:03 p.m.

John Dennis
T.E.R.F. Board Secretary

Minutes written by Mindy Miller Riehle, 1st Deputy Clerk, City of Lafayette

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