

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSE FINANCING BOARD**

April 25, 2023

The Tippecanoe County Local Environmental Response Financing Board met on April 25, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall. Present were: David Byers, Tony Roswarski, Zach Beasley and Eileen Hession Weiss. Absent: John Dennis and Kevin Underwood

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

MINUTES

Mr. Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting as submitted. Mrs. Hession Weiss 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 \$24,993.79. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$34,553.08. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$23,574.78. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Stuart & Branigin for services provided in the amount of \$1,575.00. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Stuart & Branigin for services provided in the amount of \$525.00. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Waste Management for services provided in the amount of \$8,979.66. Mr. Roswarski moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Keramida

Vicki Keramida, Keramida, stated that Keramida, IDEM and the EPA had a very good meeting with the new project manager and geologist. All parties met at the landfill and toured the facilities on site. Mrs. Keramida is optimistic about the relationship between Keramida, the EPA and IDEM going forward regarding the delisting process, the reporting schedules and future monthly status meetings between the three agencies. Mrs. Keramida stated that the EPA is on the Boards side regarding the need to delist the site. The variously possibilities were discussed during the meeting. Mrs. Keramida asked the EPA if IDEM could take the lead again over the site and the delisting process. EPA agreed that IDEM will function again as the primary entity. Mrs. Keramida stated that they agreed to meet every three weeks or so for status updates. Keramida sent the EPA all historical information up to date on surface water

samples, surface soil and bottom sediment samples, Leachate data, pond data, monitoring well data, groundwater elevations from the beginning of time, groundwater monitoring well logs for all wells and prepared a chart/display that shows all the groundwater data from the beginning of time to date, and explanation of significant differences. Mrs. Keramida stated that there will be no more quarterly arsenic sampling going forward. Mrs. Keramida stated that the EPA believes that the landfill should be on the delisting path, and they are going to do everything they can to evaluate any roadblocks that stand in the way. Mrs. Keramida stated that Well #16 is located off site and off property that tests for low levels of arsenic. The EPA believes that because that Well #16 is off site this will be the only challenge to overcome for the delisting. Keramida and the EPA discussed way to handle this issue. Mrs. Keramida stated that all other wells that are down gradient from Well #16 have no arsenic at all. Mrs. Keramida stated that one of the ways to overcome this is for the Board to buy that portion of the land that has Well #16 on it. Mrs. Keramida stated that there is an EPA 2014 Guidance for the superfund sites that can not meet the requirements at the time that the record of decision was made. Mrs. Keramida stated that they need to review the language of the decent decree and the record of decision language to make sure that the language there allows the Board to do certain things that need to be done on/with the site. Mrs. Keramida stated that they explained to the EPA that the Board wants to delist the site for two reasons; one is for reuse and the other is generate revenue for future expenses. Mrs. Keramida stated that IDEM is 100% behind the Board and Keramida for the delisting process. Mrs. Hession Weiss asked whether the Board is responsible for Well #16 even though it is not on site. Mrs. Keramida stated that the Board is responsible for the well regardless. Discussion ensued regarding the remediation, status of the well, the wetlands, the property boundaries, and jurisdiction of the superfund site. Mr. Byers stated that he is currently having Duke Energy look into the option of solar for the landfill site. Discussion ensued regarding the option for solar, regulations for solar and net metering, and State statue.

Tippecanoe County Treasurer

Yadira Salazar, Tippecanoe County Treasurer, discussed the fund on the Tippecanoe County ledger that include historical data, projections moving forward, funds available to finish the 30-year site obligation, and investment with the current rate of return/interest rates. Mrs. Salazar answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued. All the Board members are comfortable with keeping the money in the bank and not investing it currently. Mr. Byers asked Mr. Benton and Mrs. Keramida to look into the future of Well #16.

NEW BUSINESS-There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT-There was none.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Hession Weiss moved to adjourn. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.

The time being 2:10 p.m.

Zach Beasley

T.E.R.F. Board Secretary Pro-Tem

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

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