

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESPONSE FINANCING BOARD**

**January 25, 2022**

The Tippecanoe County Local Environmental Response Financing Board met on January 25, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall. Present were: David Byers, Tony Roswarski, Kevin Underwood, John Dennis, Zach Beasley and Eileen Hession Weiss

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

Chairman Byers welcomed Eileen Hession Weiss to the Board as Lon Heide's City Council replacement

**MINUTES**

Mr. Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting as submitted. Mr. Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Benton stated that the 2021 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 2022 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 \$966.05. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$9,164.99. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Keramida Environmental for consulting services in the amount of \$49,329.94. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Stuart & Branigin for services provided in the amount of \$900.00. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Stuart & Branigin for services provided in the amount of \$450.00. Mr. Dennis moved for approval. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion carried.
- A claim from Waste Management for services provided in the amount of \$2,701.00. 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*

Sara Guss, Keramida, stated that Katie Neighbors is the new Project Manager for IDEM and David Nedel is the new Project Manager for the EPA. Mrs. Guss stated that the 5-year report that was submitted prior to Mr. Nedel was incorrect, since then Mr. Nedel corrected the report for Keramida within a couple of weeks. Keramida now has the revised copy of that report. Mrs. Guss stated that the EPA in the past has mandated the Quarterly Reports on Groundwater Reporting for Arsenic. Keramida has just completed the last quarterly report for 2021. Mrs. Guss stated that Keramida is going to be looking into just doing the report on the samples/monitors that have a detection, and not spending so much time on all of the samples/monitors. Keramida will talk to the EPA about this change when they submit the annual report that includes the arsenic results.

Mrs. Guss stated that Keramida has stopped supplementing the methane with the gas. And now because they don't have to supplement, Keramida went ahead and bypassed the candle flare valve, which has a cost savings component.

Mrs. Guss stated that the Leachate recovery wells have had some issues with lightening, animals and age of equipment. The pumps and other parts that are getting old that need replaced or repaired. Mrs. Guss stated that the passive flares get cleaned out ever couple of years along with new parts. That is currently taking place. Mrs. Guss stated that there have been no exceedances since the modifications from 2014.

Mrs. Guss stated that there is an area on the southside of the landfill cap that had to be repaired along with a drainage issue in the rip rap. A contractor will have to come in and look at the issues. Discussion ensued regarding the cost estimates for the drainage issues. Mrs. Guss stated that there are also drainage issues on the northside as well that need to be addressed.

Mrs. Guss stated that the OEM costs over the past several years have been less than what was projected. The costs continue to decrease even with the additional work that has been done at the site recently. Mrs. Weiss moved to allow Keramida to fix the drainage issues up to \$20,000.00 without seeking additional approval from the Board. Mr. Beasley seconded. Motion Carried.

### *Financial Advisor*

Jessica Rebmann, Turquoise Wealth Management, presented to the Board the financial status and portfolio of the landfill. Mrs. Rebmann discussed with the Board the current and projected interest rates, stock options, inflation, profits, historic data, and the portfolio details. Mrs. Rebmann answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued.

### *Tippecanoe County*

Jennifer Weston, 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. Mrs. Weston answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURN**

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

The time being 2:10 p.m.

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

Minutes written by Mindy Miller Riehle, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Clerk, City of Lafayette

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