



**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**March 5, 2020**

**8:30 AM**

**Earl G. Woodworth Building  
Meeting Room Chambers  
1500 Scribner Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Brieve, Vonk, Janes, Skaggs, Yonker, Bulkowski, Antor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Paul Smith, WTE Operations Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Kristen Wieland, Marketing & Communications Manager; Katelynn Nettler, Resource Recovery Specialist; Wayman Britt, County Administrator/Controller; Linda Howell, Corporate Counsel; Craig Paull, Assistant Corporate Counsel II; Lori Latham, Communications and Public Relations Director; John Van Tholen, Van Tholen & Associates; Steve Faber, Byrum & Fisk

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Emily Brieve.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Review and Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Monetary Outlays

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Janes and seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Administration**

A. South Kent Landfill Expansion Property – AR

Director Baas reviewed the action request. Staff continues to pursue properties within the established footprint of the planned South Kent Landfill expansion.

Parcel 03-05-001-016-00 became available and the purchase price of \$387,100 is the appraised value of the property based on sales of similar properties in the area.

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Vonk and seconded by Commissioner Antor to approve the purchase of property PPN 03-05-001-016-00 for \$387,100 plus closing costs and authorize the Director to sign the associated closing documents.

Motion carried with all voting in favor and Commissioner Jane abstaining for reasons of conflict of interest.

B. PFAS Cost Recovery – Closed Session for Purposes of Discussing Litigation Strategy.

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Vonk and seconded by Commissioner Janes to meet in closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with legal counsel regarding litigation in connection with a PFAS-related lawsuit, as an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation position of the Department of Public Works.

Roll call vote, time in at 8:33 a.m.

**YEAS:** Commissioners Vonk, Skaggs, Bulkowski, Janes, Brieve, Koorndyk, Yonker

**ABSENT:** None

**NAYS:** None

**Motion**

It was moved by Commissioner Vonk and seconded by Commissioner Janes to leave closed session and resume open session.

Roll call vote, time out at 9:18 a.m.

**YEAS:** Commissioners Vonk, Skaggs, Bulkowski, Janes, Brieve, Koorndyk, Yonker

**ABSENT:** None

**NAYS:** None

#### **IV. Director's Report**

A. 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rebuild – Staging Area

Director Baas provided an update on the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Rebuild. DPW is working with K & R and is providing a staging area for the rebuild.

B. REC Paper Screen Replacement – Update

Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery/Recycling Manager reviewed the four slides projected on the screen. The old paper screens were removed and replaced with new ones. The old paper screens are being recycled. The Recycling & Education Center will reopen on Monday, March 16, 2020.

#### **V. Public Comment/Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Vonk thanked Director Baas for helping with the Fallsburg Dam project.

Commissioner Bulkowski asked for an update on the Sustainable Business Park. Director Baas discussed that a Request for Proposal will be issued within the next 60 days and responses would be available this summer.

Commissioner Skaggs thanked Chair Emily Brieve for having a full and robust questions/answers closed session.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.