



Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority (MUSTA) Board (Board) was held on September 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., both in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Eggers, Sr. – Chairman
Kevin Lepak
Juman Doleh-Alomary
Josh Mosher – Acting for Mike Neller
Richard Bratschi – via Teams
Jennifer McKay – via Teams
Bill Saad – via Teams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order/Establish of a Quorum

Brian Eggers, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum established.

2. Review of Agenda – Board

Brian Eggers, Sr., asked for any revisions to the proposed agenda and none were provided.

3. Review of the January 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Board

Brian Eggers, Sr., asked if there were any questions, comments, or additions to the May 18, 2021, meeting minutes. Jennifer noted a spelling error that should be corrected before making a motion that was supported by Juman Doleh-Alomary to approve the May 18, 2021, minutes with the correction. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Update on Program Status and Budgets – Bob Reisner

Bob Reisner provided the Board with an update on Program Status and Budgets, which included the following:

- All MUSTA staff are now working from home permanently.
- MUSTA Staff meetings are held every Wednesday via Microsoft Teams.
- MUSTA Staff completed the Fund Reserve Estimate study and Nikolas Hertrich will provide a summary.
- Ben Pawloski was hired as a new student assistant.

Bob reminded the Board that an in-person quorum for the November meeting will be necessary in order to vote on the Schedule of Costs for 2022.

5. Presentation and Review of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Reserve Estimates – Nikolas Hertrich

Federal law requires refined underground storage tank system (UST) owners and operators (O/Os) to maintain Financial Responsibility (FR) at their facilities. Regardless of the provider of that FR, all O/Os are eligible to file claims for reimbursement with MUSTA. As of July 28, 2021, MUSTA had 457 open claims under which potentially reimbursable corrective actions were taking place. The purpose of this project was to determine the monetary obligation associated with reasonable and necessary corrective actions required to secure closure of these covered releases. The evaluation determined that a fund balance of approximately \$68.2 million is needed to close these claims. It was noted that this is only an estimate and its accuracy is heavily dependent on factors outside of MUSTA's control. Appreciation was given to the 29 environmental consultants who assisted MUSTA staff *pro bono*. It was recommended that this review be completed every two years.

6. Public Comment

A BLDI representative asked if it would be ok to share information with their clients and Bob responded that there is no problem and we are here to help if necessary.

Russell Schindler gave a presentation on SampleServe capabilities and potential cost savings for MUSTA.

Brian Eggers, Sr., reminded everyone of the next in-person Board Meeting on November 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.