* **Call to Order**: Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
* **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
* **Roll Call** taken by Rachel Plank

Board Members Present:

Bertrand Township: Dave Zelmer, David Kuhn

Buchanan City: Patrick Swem

Buchanan Township: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Thomas Gordon

Niles City: William Weimer, Linda Casperson

Niles Charter Township: Dan Pulaski, Herschel Hoese

Others Present:

SEBC Landfill: Tyler Ganus

Note Taker: Rachel Plank

Others:

Absent: Heather Grace

**Consent Calendar**

* Approve Agenda – December 21, 2022
* Approve November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes
* Approve November 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting minutes

**#01-12/21**

Zelmer motioned to approve the Consent Calendar for December 21, 2022. Swem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Kuhn, Pulaski, Zelmer, Weimer, Cole-Crocker, Hoese, Gordon, Casperson and Swem.

Nays: None Motion Carried (9-0)

**Public Comment – None.**

**Finance Committee Meeting – December 16, 2022**

Swem summarized the Finance Committee meeting of December 16, 2022, and presented the following to the board members for approval:

**#02-12/21**

Swem motiond to approve the 2021-2022 Audit Report as presented. Zelmer seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Gordon, Kuhn, Hoese, Weimer, Pulaski, Swem, Cole-Crocker and Casperson.

Nays: None Motion Carried (9-0)

**#03-12/21**

Zelmer motioned to approve the Balance Sheet dated November 30, 2022. Seconded by Cole-Crocker.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Gordon, Kuhn, Hoese, Weimer, Pulaski, Swem, Cole-Crocker and Casperson.

Nays: None Motion Carried (9-0)

**#04-12/21**

Swem motioned to approve the Income Statement dated November 30, 2022. Seconded by Zelmer.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Weimer, Swem, Cole-Crocker, Gordon, Kuhn, Zelmer, Hoese, Casperson and Pulaski.

Nays: None Motion Carried (9-0)

**#05-12/21**

Swem motioned to approve the check registers dated November 15, November 23 and December 12, 2022. Cole-Crocker seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Gordon, Zelmer, Weimer, Pulaski, Casperson, Swem, Kuhn, Hoese and Cole-Crocker.

Nays:

Abstain: Motion Carried (9-0)

**#06-12/21**

Cole-Crocker Motioned to renew CDs and LOCs with best rates in January 2023. Casperson seconded.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Gordon, Zelmer, Weimer, Pulaski, Casperson, Kuhn, Hoese and Cole-Crocker.

Nays:

Abstain: Swem Motion Carried (8-0-1)

**Operations Committee Meeting – December 16, 2022**

Pulaski summarized the Operations Committee meeting of December 16, 2022, and presented the following for approval:

**#07-12/21**

Pulaski motioned to reduce the listing of the 2945 Chamberlain Road property to $359,000.00 as recommended by realtor. Seconded by Zelmer.  
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Swem, Cole-Crocker, Zelmer, Pulaski, Weimer, Gordon and Hoese.

Nays: Kuhn and Casperson

Abstain: Motion Carried: (7-2)

**#08-12/21**

Pulaski motioned to hire Weaver Consultants Group for $28,600.00 to provide support for Cell VI-C expansion. Gordon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hoese, Casperson, Zelmer, Pulaski, Swem, Cole-Crocker, Weimer, Gordon and Kuhn

Nays:

Abstain: Motion Carried: (9-0)

**Executive Committee Meeting – Did Not Meet**

**Human Resources Committee – December 16, 2022**

Hoese summarized the Operations Committee meeting of December 16, 2022, and presented the following for approval:

**#09-12/21**

Hoese motioned to renew Dental and Vision Insurance through Best Life. Seconded by Zelmer.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Weimer, Swem, Hoese, Pulaski, Cole-Crocker, Kuhn, Zelmer, Casperson and Gordon.

Nays:

Abstain: Motion Carried: (9-0)

**Unfinished Business – Closed Session under MCL 15.268 Sec.8. (1), (2), (c ) & (h)**

**#10-12/21**

Cole-Crocker motioned to enter Closed Session under MCL 15.268 Sec. 8. (1), (2), (c ) & (h)  (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes: (c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. (h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Seconded by Swem.  
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Casperson, Pulaski, Cole-Crocker, Swem, Kuhn, Gordon, Weimer, Zelmer and Hoese.

Nays:

Abstain: Motion Carried: (9-0)

**Closed Session 5:49 PM**

**Session Re-Opened 7:22 PM**

**#12-12/21**

Pulaski motioned to allow Ganus to go with middle proposal and negotiate PTO days. Seconded by Cole-Crocker.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Gordon, Kuhn, Weimer, Pulaski, Cole-Crocker and Casperson.

Nays: Zelmer, Hoese and Swem

Abstain: Motion Carried (6-3)

**New Business – None**

**General Manager Comments –** Ganus updated Board that there is a good probability that SEBCLA will be closed Friday due to the current Weather Warning in effect. He will contact any haulers if the weather causes a closure. Ganus wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Public Comment: None**

**Adjournment**: Adjournment at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully,

Rachel Plank

Note Taker

Minutes approved by Secretary

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Daniel Pulaski, Secretary