

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at the Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third St., Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Rob Brown. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Jim Boos, Chris Kabbes and Rob Brown.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Boos moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 11, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the special meeting minutes for July 11, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the special meeting minutes for July 22, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for July 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the list of bills for July 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Open Oil Bids:

Mr. Brown opened one (1) bid from Larry Heuerman Trucking:

Furnish and spread emulsified asphalt at \$3.40 per gallon.
Load, haul, spread and roll 3/8" stone chips at \$15.50 per ton.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the bid for oil and chips. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

KEG/Fire Station:

Mr. Brown stated that the Shumway Fire Protection District was interested in purchasing the two (2) lots adjacent to them that had recently been converted to residential lots from KEG. They plan to build a larger building and have permanent crew on staff with additional amenities that would be beneficial to Lake Sara. Discussion followed as to how to address the leases – leave them as residential or convert back to commercial. Attorney Siemer suggested buying them as residential leases then converting them to commercial with the stipulation they be for the use of the fire department and incorporating them into the current Shumway Fire Protection District lease. Motion was made to agree to the sale and conversion of the two (2) leases.

Evan & Susan Dunlap – Blue Point Trail Drainage:

Mrs. Dunlap addressed the Board regarding the continuing drainage issue. She stated that the straw bales and concrete slabs that were put there by the farm owner did not work. There was continued discussion as to where the water is flowing and possible solutions. This has been a

very wet summer which is causing delays in addressing the problem. Mike Dirks will set up a meeting with Summit Township and Effingham Asphalt to discuss further options.

Non-Agenda:

Deb Holschbach addressed the Board regarding a proposed first annual Leon's Legacy boat run on Saturday, September 17, 2022 (rain date September 18) from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. involving seven (7) docks, silent auction and ending at Pinky's at 5:00 p.m. Her husband Leon passed away after a battle with ALS and this would be in his memory. All proceeds would stay in Effingham County and be used to defray the cost of in home care for those with ALS. Promotions will be through facebook and Friends of Lake Sara. They are to keep Mike Dirks in the loop.

Joe Barkmeier sent a letter to the Board; however, it was not received in time to be put on the agenda. He will be added to the agenda for next month.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer had nothing new to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed one (1) building permit and the water was 1" above normal pool. He also stated that with the recent rains the lake had been up to 2 – 2.5 feet above normal pool – the highest he had seen it since he has been employed.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed four (4) lease transfers in July.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Brad Hastings, reporting for Mrs. Jane Montello, informed the Board that they have 218 households and 2 more business members bringing that total to 14.

Boating Committee:

Mr. Brad Hastings reported that at their July meeting the following recommendations were made:

Regulation of personal buoys – must be within 50 feet from the shore and must be relocated if they obstruct the flow of traffic.

Directed the Board to a website regarding wake/surf boats and boaters responsibility for wake.

They would also like to reduce the number of members from 5 to 4 (they recently had a member resign).

They will announce future meetings through Friends of Lake Sara facebook page.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 37.5 million gallons of water in July.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary