

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Community Building, 9282 East Park Ave, Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Rob Brown. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Chris Kabbes, Rob Brown and Jim Boos (via Zoom).

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 8, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for February 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the list of bills for February 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Rock Stockpile Proposals:

Three (3) bids were received for 600 ton of CA 16 gravel for Stock Pile:

Heuerman Brothers Trucking	\$14.75 per ton
3 Sisters Logistics/dba Charles Heuerman Trucking	\$15.16 per ton
McKinney Trucking	\$19.93 per ton

Mr. Brown moved to accept the Heuerman Brothers Trucking bid at \$14.75 per ton. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Farnsworth review of Park Project general contractor bids, with Board contract awarding if no open issues:

Bruce Brown with Farnsworth Group presented the Bid Tabulation for the Pearson Peninsula project. All bids came in below estimate with L. J. Swingler & Sons being the lowest at \$296,400.00. Mr. Brown also discussed the Alternate Bid #1 to change the depth of concrete sidewalks to 5" and Alternate Bid #2 to add CA6 over existing gravel road to the fishing pier. Their recommendation was to accept the L. J. Swingler & Sons bid and accept Alternate Bid #1 of \$2700.00 and Alternate Bid #2 of \$864.00. It was noted that the owner (EWA) would be responsible for the Playground Equipment at a cost of \$397,789.00. They are anticipating a substantial completion date before June 30, 2021. Mr. Brown informed the Board that all of the OSLAD and matching funds had to be used. Based on the architect's recommendations Mr. Boos moved to accept the L. J. Swingler & Sons bid with both alternates. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Approval to purchase playground accessories:

Tom Ryan presented a slide presentation of possible accessories including "Interior Gallery" and "Toscano Design". The Interior Gallery is pirate themed and the Toscano Design had several animals and birds. Most of these are "life-size" and would be secured to concrete. Mr. Ryan presented a not to exceed amount of \$6500.00. Mr. Brown moved to approve the purchase. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Brian Larson – Sub Lessors at Marina:

Mr. Larson addressed the Board regarding Sub-Leasing portions of the Marina.

He introduced Bill Passalacqua who would be sub-leasing The Stage. Mr. Passalacqua discussed his plans which included festivals, concerts, kids' shows/musicals, etc. These would take place between June and September.

Mr. Larson also introduced Jason Gines who would be sub-leasing the Bait House. This would be re-modeled into a small bar. Current operations for the Bait House are Noon – 6 PM on Saturday and Sunday and those hours would continue. Mr. Gines would be looking into other days and hours depending on demand.

Mr. Larson stated that there may possibly be another sub-lease but that person was not available for the meeting.

Non-Agenda:

Scott Ealy presented information regarding the name of the beach, which in the past has been referred to as "Effingham Beach, Inc." and "Effingham Beach at Lake Sara". Mr. Ealy would like to keep the Effingham Beach name.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer reported that he has received the signed Girl Scout lease from Taylor Law. He also reported that the EWA/Probst litigation has been completed as far as Effingham Water Authority's responsibility.

Jane Montello asked about the proposal with Summit Township. As of this date nothing has been decided, negotiations are ongoing.

Superintendent's Report:

Mike Dirks stated that the water was 1" below normal pool level and that he did not process any building permits in February.

Office Manager's Report:

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

Committees:

Jane Montello, on behalf of Good Neighbors, reported that they have 90 members to date. She also reported that there were going to be Lake Sara garage sales April 9-10 and that Good Neighbors is not sponsoring it. They plan to have their first meeting in May.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 31 million gallons of water in February.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary