

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at the Effingham Public Library, 200 N. Third St., Effingham, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Jim Boos. Roll call was taken, with the following trustees present: Chris Kabbes and Jim Boos. Rob Brown was absent.

(see attached list for others present)

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for November 14, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for November & December 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the lists of bills for November & December 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Evan & Susan Dunlap – Blue Point Trail Drainage:

Mike Dirks reported that we are waiting for the area to dry up enough to allow the contractor to finish dressing the area. There has not been excessive rain, but the area seems to be handling the rains that we have had.

Noah Brandenburger – Lakeside Marina:

Noah Brandenburger addressed the Board regarding the improvements to the boat docks for the coming year. He also informed the Board that the commercial building is on hold for now. They had some interest, but do not have any signed leases at this time. He reported that fuel sales were down from the previous year. He also approached the Board regarding no charge or reduced rate for boat stickers on two (2) rental pontoon boats and six (6) rental kayaks. Mr. Boos said we will research to see if we have reduced rates in the past. Regarding the sale of boat stickers, currently they receive \$3.00 commission on each boat sticker sold; however their expense to sell stickers is more than that. He suggested increasing the commission to \$7.50 or allowing them to add a handling fee. The Board will discuss further before making a decision.

Kevin Wenthe – Reel Marina:

Kevin Wenthe addressed the Board regarding a three (3) day musical event at the Rusty Reel in October 2023. They are requesting the use of EWA property for parking. They will rent the Pearson Building for those three days and provide insurance and security. They are to get with Mike Dirks regarding dates. Tentative approval was granted provided EWA agrees with all future plans.

Non-Agenda:

There were no non-agenda items

Mr. Boos reported that the City of Effingham used 46,900,000 gallons of water in November and 37,076,000 gallons in December. For the year they used 431,144,000 gallons.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer updated the Board on the Court 6 Winterrowd property. Mr. Winterrowd is making progress on repairing the house; he seems to be making a good faith effort and the attorney is cooperating. Mike Dirks will monitor the progress and report at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed three (3) building permits and the water was at normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed five (5) lease transfers in November and four (4) lease transfers in December. For the year she processed 64 transfers. Boat stickers sold were 1677 compared to 1736 in 2021.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that they lost a member of their committee – Bob Kennedy – who has been with them for 15 years. Plans are to create a Prairie Grass strip near Post Oaks with donations in Bob Kennedy's name. Lake Sara Forever will pay for the seed and EWA crew will plant. They have also applied for a Lumpkin Grant for a Prairie Grass strip. Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 is in process. They are scheduling meetings and updating the Master Plan. They are hopeful to start construction of Phase 2 in late summer.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies reported that they are just getting started for the year. They will be having their first official meeting and are preparing the spring newsletter which will be mailed to all lake residents in March or April. They have started their annual fund drive for the fireworks display and are working on welcome packets.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Boos at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary