

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 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. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 13, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for January 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Auditor:

Mr. Michael Johnston presented the audit for the FY 2023-2024. Mr. Brown moved to approve the audit. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Review Short Term Rental Ordinance:

Mrs. Pamela Apke informed the Board that the wording regarding warnings and violations is ambiguous and should be re-worded. The Law Group will create an amended ordinance to be reviewed by the Board for approval.

Review Lease Rent:

Article 1 of the Lease stated that the Board would re-evaluate the rent increase in January of 2025. The Board agreed to continue with the previous rates of increase which were \$15.00 increase every five (5) years. Mr. Brown moved to approve the rate increase to \$150.00 for five (5) years beginning in 2026. The Board will re-evaluate the rent increase in January of 2030. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Joe Jansen – Lake Sara Water Coop – future placement of sewage treatment plant:

Mr. Jansen addressed the Board regarding building a sewer system which would be a lagoon type system on EWA owned property. Mr. Jansen indicated that they are interested in 20 acres behind the staging area where EWA presently stores rock and other material across from the EWA Administration property. Due to lack of funds they would prefer to rent with an option to purchase the property. The Board is not in favor of that location but could consider other locations.

Non-Agenda:

The City of Effingham used 31,300,000 gallons of water in January 2025.

Attorney's Report:

The attorneys had no additional information to report.

Lake Superintendent:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported the water was 15" below normal pool and that he did not process any building permits.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed four (4) lease transfers in January and that the 2024 boat license report was included in the reports.

Fireworks Committee:

Mr. Randy Thoele reported that they are preparing to purchase the fireworks for the summer. They would also like to have an electrical box installed for the DJ.

Fishing Committee:

Mr. Jeff Niebrugge had nothing to report.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that Phase 2 will be complete as soon as the FY reports are filed with the State. He also updated the Board regarding the Master Plan and upcoming fundraisers for the project. They will be at the Boat Show and discussed getting with the Boating Committee for possible handouts.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Ms. Norma Fisher, secretary, represented the Friends of Lake Sara. She did not have anything to report.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary