

REGULAR MEETING  
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, November 11, 2024 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 special meeting minutes for September 12, 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 14, 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for October 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Andy Goeckner:

Mr. Goeckner addressed the Board regarding violations of the short term rental ordinance at the adjoining property and renters coming onto his property and using his dock. He presented the Board with documentation and informed them that litigation is ongoing regarding a property line dispute. The Board will have a special meeting at the EWA office on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to address the matter.

Attorney:

Mr. Tony Siemer informed the Board that he is planning to retire at the end of the year. Pam Apke and Kyle Boose of the Law Group will be representing the EWA. Mr. Boose was present and stated that currently they have ten (10) attorneys and may also use any of them depending on the area of expertise that is needed.

Non-Agenda:

There were no no-agenda items.

The City of Effingham used almost 58,000,000 gallons of water in October 2024.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer had nothing to report.

Lake Superintendent:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported the water was 18" below normal pool and that he processed two (2) building permits.

Office Manager's Report:

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

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan addressed the Board updating them on the financial status. The final \$200,000 from the State has been received and Lake Sara Forever should make a payment of \$60,000 by the end of the year. He also updated the Board on the overall project and what plans they are working on now.

Clean Water Committee:

Mr. Bob Einhorn addressed the Board regarding what their committee has been doing, including making education material available through Friends of Lake Sara. He stressed that the use of chorine tablets in the septic system is needed on a regular basis.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies reported that he will be ending his service at the end of the year. He introduced Donna Salvage who will be taking his place. They have one more gathering – the Christmas Party on December 6 at the Community Building.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary