

REGULAR MEETING  
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 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 August 14, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the list of bills for August 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Court Six - Winterrowd:

Mr. Siemer updated the Board regarding the court hearing that took place in August. A trial date of September 21 has been set. Mr. Siemer informed the Board that we are requesting forfeiture of the lease and/or permission to complete the work with a lien on the property. Mr. Jack Schultz suggested fining them \$75.00 per day for polluting the lake. Mr. Siemer recommended waiting until after the trial date before committing to any action.

Dr. Doug Kabbes – Cul-de-sac maintenance:

Mr. Dirks addressed the Board regarding Dr. Kabbes requesting EWA vacate the cul-de-sac at his property on Bluebird Drive in The Knolls Subdivision. He plans to asphalt 430 feet and would maintain it. The Board is not in favor of vacating the cul-de-sac but is open to having an agreement with Dr. Kabbes where he would maintain the road.

Wabash Fiber Optic:

Mr. Boos discussed Wabash Fiber Optic coming into the Lake area, especially regarding easements. He also mentioned that there should be an agreement with them similar to our Agreement with MediaCom. A Board member and Mr. Siemer will reach out to Wabash Fiber Optic for more information.

Truck bids to replace Superintendent Truck:

Mr. Dirks presented bids to replace the GMC truck in our fleet. He requested bids from each of the dealerships in town and received two (2) bids. He requested a 2023 ½ ton quad cab pickup with tow package.

GMC bid was \$50,000 and Ford was \$52,000.

Mr. Dirks will approach each regarding trade-in.

Open bank accounts at various banks:

Mr. Kabbes discussed the possible need to open bank accounts at other banks to move funds, especially in light of the grant funds that we are receiving. We would need two of the three trustees and/or general counsel to open the accounts and sign checks or authorize removal of

funds. Mr. Brown moved to approve the opening of accounts at any of the local banks. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Dirt Bikes:

Mr. Brown informed the Board that he listened to the dirt bikes. He also had them start up their lawn mower. He recommended that they be allowed to continue riding but on a limited schedule. They will be limited to the type of bike they can ride (no racing bikes). They will be limited to one day during the week for ½ hour and one day on the weekend for ½ hour. Only the two (2) boys will be allowed to ride. This will be reviewed in three (3) months.

Non-Agenda:

The City of Effingham used almost 52,000,000 gallons of water in August 2023.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer had nothing more to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Dirks reported that he processed two (2) building permits and the water was 14" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed eight lease transfers in August.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies informed the Board that they are winding down for the season. They had a gathering at Pinkies and have one scheduled at The Nest at the Golf Course on October 7. The Christmas Party will be at the Community Building. There will be one final newsletter in the next few weeks.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that Lake Sara Forever had issued a check in the amount of \$65,000 and that L J Swinger turned in their first pay request of \$311,000. He gave an update on the progress of each of the stations and said we are ahead of schedule due to the lack of rain. They plan to have informal ribbon cuttings at each of the stations with a ribbon cutting at the end of construction. He would like to purchase benches and tables for the new area; however there has been a 33% increase in cost since our last purchase. They are planning to be complete by mid-October.

Mr. Kabbes informed the Board that he had been in contact with Mike Johnston, auditor, and he will contact KEB regarding the audit for FY 2022-2023.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:23 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary