

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 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 8, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the treasurer's report for August 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the list of bills for August 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Boating Ordinance changes – Ordinance No. 214:

Mike Dirks recommended updating our boating ordinance to reflect the IDNR ruling that any person born after January 1, 1998 operating a motor boat must have a boating safety certificate. Rob Brown moved to approve Ordinance No. 214 – Amending Ordinance No. 60. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Food Truck Vendors:

Mike Dirks has been approached by a vendor who would like to set up a vendor truck to sell ice cream novelties at the lake. Mike has checked with the city and county regarding their regulations on vendor trucks. Mr. Siemer will work on preparing an ordinance and regulations regarding vendor trucks.

Agreement for Engineering Services for Lake Sara Water Co-op Grant:

Lake Sara Water, via Effingham Water Authority, has received a grant for a feasibility study for sewer at Lake Sara. This agreement is for the Engineering Services for the study, there will not be any expense to Effingham Water Authority for these services. Rob Brown moved to approve the Agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Joe Barkmeier & Jack Schultz – Court Six:

Mr. Siemer filed a lawsuit on September 1, 2022; the tenant has until September 31, 2022 to respond. Mike Dirks has requested bids to do the repair work but has not received them back yet. Jack Schultz stated that materials are still coming off the house and going into the lake. Jane Montello said there is a tree down in the water at this property. Mike and his crew will be coordinating with the sea wall people to remove the tree.

Evan & Susan Dunlap – Blue Point Trail Drainage:

Mr. Brown asked Mrs. Dunlap if water was still coming into her basement, and she indicated that water has not been an issue with the last few rains. Mike Dirks met with Summit Township and Effingham Asphalt to discuss options. They are in agreement that when the area is cleared off,

the flow of water should be better. The deeded property owner is planning to build a pond and shore up the culvert which should also help with the flow of water.

Noah Brandenburger – Lakeside Marina:

Mr. Brandenburger addressed the Board regarding adding a 96' x 40' building on the Marina property. This building could be leased to realtors, insurance agents, beauticians, laundromat, fitness facility, etc. The Board and Mr. Siemer will review the current lease before making a decision.

Non-Agenda:

Eric Kollinger informed the Board that he was kayaking near the Reel Marina and there was Styrofoam balls floating in the water that may have come from the dock area from the Styrofoam floaties.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Siemer reported that the attorney for the Shumway Fire Department is amenable to closing the residential lots and blending the property into one commercial lease.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that the water was 5" below normal pool and he processed four (4) building permits.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed five (5) lease transfers in August.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that the paperwork is starting to flow for the next phase. We are still waiting for the Contract. He gave an update of what they have been doing to prepare. WEIU will be interviewing Mike Dirks for their spring show which highlights recreation facilities in the area.

Boating Committee:

Mr. Brad Hastings had nothing to report.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mrs. Jane Montello reported that they have 241 members and 12 business members. Their last meeting for the year will be next month. This is her last year as President and said that Doug Thies may be the next president.

Mr. Brown reported that the City of Effingham used 32 million gallons of water in August.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary