

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, October 13, 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. Boos moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Kabbes moved to approve the special meeting minutes for September 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

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

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

Ordinance 225 – Tax Levy FY 2025-2026:

Mr. Boos moved to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2025-2026. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Review Policies and Procedures:

The Trustees requested more time to make some changes to the policies and procedures. Tabled until the November meeting.

Sami Childerson - IDNR:

Ms. Childerson addressed the Board regarding the Flatwoods and Upland Forest and said that the current "handshake" agreement between EWA and IDNR only allows a limited amount of assistance from IDNR in protecting these areas. She proposed protecting the areas with specific term and/or permanent protection. She will create a map with some proposals to present at the November meeting.

Purchase Approval for Backhoe from City of Effingham:

This was tabled until the Capital Asset purchase policy can be updated.

Topp Acres Roadway:

Mr. Brown said he requested some options to repair the road from Effingham Asphalt. They presented him with three (3) options. The Board agreed that they would like to request bids for one of the options which would include building up the shoulders and leveling the roadway.

Lou Bruno – Lake Access and Channel:

Mr. Bruno addressed the Board regarding the narrowness of his cove and options to correct and/or make navigation easier. He also informed the Board that a neighbor has been double-parking a boat which makes navigation more difficult. EWA will contact the neighbor regarding the boat parking situation.

Lot 44 Blue Point – Lot for Sale:

One bid was received from Kevin Koney in the amount of \$25,650. This is within the 90% of the appraised value. Mr. Brown moved to accept the bid from Mr. Koney. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Quotes for 2026 Boat Licenses:

Printing quotes were received from four (4) businesses for the 2026 boat licenses:

Wortman Printing	\$2,237.27
Spectrum Printing	\$3,023.00
Ad Works	\$3,075.50
Three Z Printing	\$3,169.53

Mr. Brown moved to accept the low bid of \$2,237.27 from Wortman Printing. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Ms. April McMahan requested to know how many docks are allowed on a lot. Mr. Dirks informed her that one dock and one swim deck (20 x 20) are allowed.

The city used just under 64 million gallons of water in September.

Wes and Wanda Pitcher addressed the Board regarding the neighbor raising honeybees. The number of hives have increased and there are lots of bees in the area. The Board will meet with the owner of the hives.

Attorney:

Mr. Kyle Boose reported that he had received another communication from Friedrich and that the Board will have to respond.

Lake Superintendent:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed one building permit and the water was 24" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed seven (7) lease transfers in September.

Parks and Rec:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that they are in the process of getting funds for the continuation of the project. There was a Pre-bid meeting on October 7 for the Lake Sara – Beach Expansion and four (4) contractors were present. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. for opening bids.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Ms. Donna Salvage reported that Octoberfest will be on October 18 at The Nest. Ms. Jane Thoele reported that Dock-o-ween was successful – there were 12 docks decorated and lots of boats.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary