

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, January 08, 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 regular meeting minutes for November 13, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Mr. Boos moved to approve the special meeting minutes for November 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

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

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

Wabash Fiber Optic:

No written communication has been received back from Wabash Fiber regarding an agreement. Verbal approval has been received and construction has started on Lakeview Drive.

Noah Brandenburger – Lakeside Marina:

Mr. Brandenburger addressed the Board regarding improvements at the Marina including an upgrade to the fuel island slated for spring and that a new metal roof has been put on the restaurant building. He requested that they would like to continue the reduced rate of rent for another three years. After discussion, Mr. Kabbes moved to approve a one (1) year extension only. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Mr. Brandenburger also informed the Board that the restaurant sub-lease has not been renewed. They would like to convert the building to living quarters and operate an AirBnB. The Board has reservations regarding allowing the AirBnB.

Mr. Brandenburger would also like to install RV hookups for a campground, HOA style, on the property. The Board was not in favor of adding a campground due to previous experiences.

Regarding the restaurant building, they wanted to know if EWA had to approve the new owners before subleasing. EWA would have to approve the new owner of the sub-lease. If they were to open it as a bar & grill under their liquor license, they would have to let EWA know.

The possibility of residential lots was also mentioned.

Court Six - Winterrowd:

There has been no change since the last meeting. Siding is completed on three sides and 95% on the 4th side which faces the water. Basically trim around the windows needs to be completed. Mr. Siemer recommended not continuing the court case. Mr. Brown moved to have Mr. Siemer stop the legal process. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Travis Bushue addressed the Board regarding purchasing a portion of Lot 9 Pearson & Casella owned by EWA. He would like to be able to build his dock in the center of the cove and run seawall on EWA property. The Board will schedule a time to look at the property before making a decision.

The City of Effingham used 45 million gallons of water in November 2023 and 37 million gallons in December 2023.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer had nothing more to report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that the water was 25" below normal pool and that he processed three (3) building permits.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed three (3) lease transfers in November, three (3) lease transfers and 1 cancellation and new lease due to re-plat in December.

Boating Committee:

Mr. Brad Hastings informed the Board that they are working on an insert for the boat stickers and that there will be some changes to the committee.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies reported that they will be having their officers meeting next week and scheduling dates for the coming year.

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

Chairman

Secretary