

REGULAR MEETING  
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, April 14, 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 March 10, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

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

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

Sealed Bids – Lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Town Hall:

The following bids were received from Christo Schultz: For Lot 27 - \$24,300, Lot 28 - \$24,300, Lot 29 - \$23,400, Lot 30 - \$27,900, Lot 31 - \$21,600. The amounts are within 90% of the appraised value. Mr. Brown moved to approve the bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Charles Koester – Combine Lots:

Mr. Koester requested to combine Lot 22, Lot 23, and Lot 24 of Moccasin Inlet Subdivision. Mr. Brown moved to approve the re-plat contingent on correcting the number/name of the subdivision. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Short-term Rental Ordinance Amendment:

Ms. Apke presented the Board with recommendations of amending the Short term rental ordinance as follows: Occupancy – clarifying the number of number of adults to minors; Parking – clarifying the parking allowances; Revocation - clarifying the revocation of license and revocation process; and adding an indemnification clause to the ordinance. These changes to become effective July 1, 2025. The Board discussed the registration/license fee and agreed to increase the fee to \$1,000 effective July 1, 2026. Mr. Brown moved to approve the changes to the amendment. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Non-Agenda:

Ms. Fisher with Friends of Lake Sara questioned the Auditor's remark at the February meeting regarding the dam insurance.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Kyle Boose reported that they are reviewing the Sportsman's Club lease regarding an option to renew.

Lake Superintendent:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he processed 3 building permits and the water was 1/2" below normal pool.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed two (2) lease transfers in March.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan reported that they will begin the remodel of the bath house to improve the air flow and will be receiving toilet partitions from the Gabby Goat later in the year. Lake Sara Forever is working with an engineer regarding making changes to the Beach. The Master Plan is in the update stages. He also asked the Board to give feedback on changes they would like for the Pearson Building.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Ms. Norma Fisher updated the Board on their scheduled dates for the year. The fireworks will be on July 3 with a rain date of July 5. The fireworks have been paid for and the insurance is in place. They have 22 business partners.

The City of Effingham used almost 32 million gallons of water in March 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary