

REGULAR MEETING  
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, September 8, 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. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 11, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

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

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

Review Policies and Procedures:

The Trustees requested more time to review the policies and procedures. Tabled until the October meeting.

Beach Expansion:

Mr. Tom Ryan introduced Mr. Anthony Jansen of Farnsworth Group. Mr. Jansen addressed the Board regarding the proposed expansion of the Beach area. Preliminary cost estimates are \$187,000 to complete the project. Mr. Ryan requested using the funds available in the Parks and Rec reserve fund which to-date are \$120,000 and the additional which will be generated by the sale of 2025 boat licenses. Mr. Ryan agreed to reimburse the EWA fund \$25,000 with funds raised in 2026 for the beach expansion. If approval is given, they can proceed with getting contractor bids. Mr. Boos moved to approve the use of funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Kabbes, motion carried.

Dennis & Renee Campbell:

Mr. Dennis Campbell addressed the Board regarding the dust and dirt from the Midwest Marina which is across the street from their residence. Mr. Brown will forward the complaint and contact information to the Midwest Marina owner.

John Jackson:

Mr. John Jackson wanted to know the status of purchase of a backhoe and when oiling of streets is to begin. He also wanted to know what is going on with Wabash Communications.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Gary Morgan wanted to know if any of the Board would be attending the Summit Township meeting on Tuesday, September 9. Mr. Brown has been in conversation with Mr. John Perry.

The city used a little less than 72 million gallons of water in August.

Attorney:

Mr. Kyle Boose had nothing to report.

Lake Superintendent:

Mr. Mike Dirks reported that he did not process any building permits and the water was 14” below normal pool and that he has been in contact with the City of Effingham regarding purchasing a used backhoe.

Office Manager’s Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed nine (9) lease transfers in August.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Ms. Jane Thoele reported that they will have corrections for EWA information in the September newsletter. Their next outing will be at The Nest in October with an Octoberfest theme. Ms. Thoele also informed the Board that the Fireworks Committee has a signed contract and they will be going digital this next year.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6:27 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary