

REGULAR MEETING
EFFINGHAM WATER AUTHORITY

The regular meeting of the Effingham Water Authority was held on Monday, April 10, 2023 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 March 13, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

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

Mr. Boos moved to approve the list of bills for March 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried.

Policy & Procedures – Approval of changes made:

The Board approved the minor changes to the Employee Policy including listing who is considered immediate family, and adding the new Federal Holiday in June; Payroll Policy clarifying that two (2) trustees should be authorized to approve payroll through Washington Savings Bank; and Lease Transfer/Assignment Procedure adding that adjoining property owner letters are to be mailed certified and regular mail. Mr. Brown moved to approve the changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Boos, motion carried.

Vendors at Beach Policy:

Mrs. Verdeyen created a draft policy for the Board to review. Changes and additions were recommended. The changes will be made then the draft will be forwarded to Mr. Siemer for review.

Sale of Property via Sealed Bids – Lot 15 Gypsy Cove:

No bids were received.

Non-Agenda:

Mr. Noah Brandenburger with Lakeside Marina approached the Board regarding a grant with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Boat Access Area Development. He asked if EWA would be interested in applying for the grant for up to \$200,000. The deadline for application is May 15, 2023. Mr. Brandenburger would be responsible for the matching funds.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Tony Siemer updated the Board regarding Court Six – Winterrowd. He has not been able to communicate with their attorney and stated that we need to go to the next step. The Board requested that Mr. Siemer proceed with moving the matter forward.

Superintendent's Report:

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

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Sue Verdeyen reported that she processed three (3) lease transfers in March.

Parks and Rec Committee:

Mr. Tom Ryan updated the Board on the progress of Phase 2. The equipment for the challenge court and the exercise court has been ordered. They are hoping to break ground later this spring.

Friends of Lake Sara:

Mr. Doug Thies addressed the Board stating that the spring newsletter will be out next week and the first meeting on May 6 at A1 Liquors will be Kentucky Derby themed. They will be asking for donations to the fireworks. The last meeting to close the season will be at Pinkies on September 9.

The City of Effingham used 15.5 million gallons of water in March 2023.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Brown at 6.40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary