

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for February 8, 2024.

Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, members present are Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. Mr. Moore and Mr. Laylin were absent.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2024 was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mr. Blackmond. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:32 pm. No public was in attendance. Mr. Blackmond commented on the ease of use of the new online paying system Invoice Cloud. Public Comment closed at 1:34 pm.

The Bills and Claims for January in the amount of \$24,653.16 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mr. Kays. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. No votes – None. Motion carried.

As of February 8, 2024 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,245,059.01.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

Mr. Billingham gave a B-1 Lift Station update: Wolverine has set the pad and the generator. The generator has been tuned is running. Test runs of the generator are on Wednesdays at noon. Ferguson has the control cabinet is on order, including a generator connector.

Mr. Blackmond has been discussing with the Insurance Carrier the cost between repair and repair/update. Mary Nykamp, from Wightman, wrote an opinion to the carrier that proposed work is to repair damage and not to upgrade. An insurance reevaluation of the entire system will need to be conducted to ensure that there is adequate coverage.

ART began manhole lining on January 19, 2024. The start date was delayed due to finishing their previous job. They have finished B-2 and C-6 as of this date.

B-9 Lift station had an alarm, a clog was discovered. It has been cleaned and is functioning as normal.

OLD-UNFINISHED

SEMCO claim – No movement. A brief discussion on looking into other law firms.

BS&A and Invoice Cloud Update – The system is up and working, no issues reported.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

Selge has repaired the chipped manhole at Forest Beach.

Indian Lake contract update – Mr. Kays pointed out a wording issue on Page 2, No 2. The removal of the wording “establish, maintain rates”. Mr. Blackmond will ask for a revision of that particular wording.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution to the Financial Policy by adding Bill Kays, as Treasurer, as a signatory. Mr. Billingham made a motion that the Resolution as presented be adopted, supported by Mr. Blackmond. Roll call vote – Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Kays and Mr. Billingham. No votes – None. Motion carries.

Dan Para, on CR 690, demolished a house last year with no sewer permit. Contractor now has the permit to re-hook up sewer. No adjustment on account will occur.

Post Audit Policy, to be able to pay routine bills before or after regular board meetings, will be on the March meeting agenda for review and adoption.

A discussion on adopting a policy that will lay out the steps for sewer extensions.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Billingham to adjourn the meeting at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**