

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for September 14, 2023.

Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm, members present are Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin.

A correction to the August 10 minutes, section, Indian Lake Sewer, Line 5, replace \$100.00 with the correct amount of \$1,000.00. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2023, with corrections, was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Laylin. Motion carried.

Brian Hake from Kruggal Lawton presented the 2022/2023 audit. With the opinion of unmodified, which is the highest level.

Call for Public Comment: 1:40 pm. Several attendees asked questions. Closed public comment at 1:48.

The Bills and Claims for August in the amount of \$187,305.61 was presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Moore and supported by Mr. Laylin. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried. \$12,981.40 was transferred to Indian Lake Sewer.

As of August 10, 2023 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$2,277,843.57.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC

A-1 had a communication outage, antenna will be moved to outside of cabinet.

Only one quote has been received for the control cabinet replacement at A-1, will seek more quotes.

ART will be proceeding with manhole lining for Sister Lakes and Indian Lake in January 2024. That is when the flow is at the lowest.

Mr. Billingham presented the series of events at B-1 Lift station, in chronological order. Explaining what has happened at that location and the measures taken to contain and repair the issues that have arose.

Mr. Billingham explained the recommendation submitted by Wightman. Outlining the steps and procedures that will occur in repairing of B-1 Lift station.

Replacement discharge hose and fittings for the bypass pump are needed, totaling \$2,168.62. A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Laylin to purchase replacement hose and fittings. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried.

NEW BUILDING

Hall Builders Retainage: \$1,000 (completed to date \$863,355.00). The final release of \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Billingham to release the \$1,000.00. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin.. No votes- None. Motion carried.

Punch list items have been completed.

OLD-UNFINISHED

SEMCO claim – Atty Seeber is waiting for USIC to send contract for review.

BS&A billing installation update; the software has been installed and is running. BS&A has been on site the week of September 11-14 for training.

Mr. Blackmond will be following up with the Supervisor of Silver Creek pertaining to the Indian Lake billing contract.

Detention/retention pond; Architect Kevin Barker submitted a proposal of \$10,575.00, Mr. Blackmond had some questions. Those are being looked into and the board will take up the issue at a later date.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

A request from the residents living near #3 Lift station, on Forest Beach Rd., for a street light. They themselves were paying for it, but no longer are. Mr. Billingham will look into the cost of adding a light at the station for repair purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

A Cloud agreement with BS&A Online was submitted for \$1,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Laylin and supported by Mr. Kays to accept the BS&A agreement. Roll call vote – Ayes – Mr. Blackmond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kays, Mr. Billingham and Mr. Laylin. No votes – None. Motion carried.

The Dewey Lake association has asked for a mechanism to be put in place that they be notified in the case of a discharge. An email list of all the lake associations will be compiled and an email will be sent to the chairperson of each lake association when a problem arises.

Jenny Finley at 95309 Magician Dr., has asked for a new sewer connection to her property. There is no tap at the location. Mr. Billingham will research. Ms. Finley will have to obtain an easement agreement with one of the neighbors that border the sewer and she will be responsible for the costs associated with hooking up the sewer.

Call for public Comment: 3:05pm. Closed public comment at 3:06pm.

The next meeting will be October 12, at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Kays and supported by Mr. Laylin to adjourn the meeting at 3:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mrs. Kaye Smith
Recording Secretary**