

SISTER LAKES AREA UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Sister Lakes Area Utilities Authority regular meeting for August 11, 2022.

Chairman Blackmond called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm, members present Mrs. Kuriata, Mr. Moore, Mr. McKernin and Mr. Billingham. Mr. Kays, Brian Hake and Kevin Barker, Thad Rieder from Pearson Construction and Paul from Hall Builders were also present.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2022 was made by Mr. Blackmond and supported by Mrs. Kuriata. Motion carried.

Call for Public Comment: 1:35 pm - none.

The Bills and Claims for August 2022 in the amount of \$125,454.46 was presented for payment and were approved by Mrs. Kuriata and supported by Mr. Billingham Roll call vote - Ayes- Mrs. Kuriata, Mr. Billingham, Mr. McKernin, Mr. Moore and Mr. Blackmond. No votes – none. Motion carried.

As of August, 2022 the balance in the Maintenance account is \$3,023,624.80.

CITY OF DOWAGIAC – Mr. Billingham advised us the City researched went back 8 years to research the pumps on B2, C1, C7 and C8.

The City will put a spare pump in C7 -17 horse power, C1 a 4 horse power, B5 a 2 horse power and C8 is ok – will watch for 2 years.

The Indian Lake VFD's are still on backorder. Indian Lake 1 has one pump with low output (gpm). Will be pull & check pump next week.

NEW BUILDING –Mr. Blackmond opened bids for new building. The bid from Pearson is \$1,120,300.00, submitted without itemizing, and Hall Builders bid of \$857,555.00 with itemized list. After discussion the board wants to meet with Hall Builders before awarding any bid.

OLD-UNFINISHED

The two GPS locators are still waiting to be sold. Midwest is not interested.

Our attorney gave us the information to file the SEMCO claim. The City of Dowagiac will look into filing the claim for us as they have an account and password. We have not heard anything yet as of today.

Per an Easement agreement with the Sister Lakes Area Utility Authority and Mr. Ron Smith at 31094 Currans Beach Road, the City of Dowagiac will clean out the catch basins.

INDIAN LAKE SEWER

The VFD's on lift stations 2, 3 and 4 have high voltage problems. AEP came out to look, and Wolverine came out to trouble shoot.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Hake from Kruggle presented the board with the 2021-2022 Audit and answered questions.

Mr. Billingham will look for auction sites for GPS units. Motion by Mr., Blackmond supported by Mr. Moore to auction GPS locators for a minimum of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mrs. Kuriata, Mr. Billingham, Mr. McKernin, Mr. Moore and Mr. Blackmond. No votes – none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kuriata supported by Mr. Blackmond to follow IRS guidelines to increase mileage to .625 per mile effective September 1, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes- Mrs. Kuriata, Mr. Billingham, Mrs. McKernin, Mr. Moore and Mr. Blackmond. No votes – none. Motion carried.

The motion to adjourn at 2:56 pm was made by Mr. Billingham and supported by Mrs. Kuriata. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Maureen Kuriata