



Lost Lake Utility District

Regular Meeting Minutes

406 Lake Court, Dixon IL at 6:00 PM

December 16, 2025

Trustees Present: Linda Repesh, Chair; Judy Plum, Vice Chair; Carol Workman, Trustee; Gail Merry, Trustee; Jim Caudill, Trustee; Jonna Perrin, Trustee

Staff Present: Julie Peters, Office Manager; Joan Hansen, Treasurer

Absent: Amy Spelde, Trustee; Eric Thomas, Operator; Doug Trader, Operator

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call:** Linda Repesh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Jim made a motion to approve the agenda and Jona seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. [12-16-25-1]
- IV. **Guest/Public Opinion:** Rick Rearden said we were doing a great job! :)
- V. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: Judy made a motion to approve the November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and Jim seconded the motion. It did not pass since there was no vote. Vote will happen at the next Board meeting on January 15, 2025.

- VI. **Reports**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Joan provided financial reports to the Board and read into the record the report for period ending November 30, 2025.
Operating Account: beginning balance \$89,009.55; receipts \$27,115.98; expenditures \$59,338.04; ending balance \$56,787.49. *Project Fund:* beginning balance \$314,148.38; receipts \$6,301.85; expenditures \$0.00; ending balance \$320,450.23. *Debt Service Bond Fund:* beginning balance \$107,636.62; receipts \$18,761.74 expenditures \$1,567.08; ending balance \$124,831.28. *Sauk Valley CD:* beginning balance \$79,132.39; receipts \$257.54; ending balance \$79,389.93. *Equipment Replacement Fund:* beginning balance \$17,069.27; receipts \$16.14; ending balance \$17,085.41. *IMRF Fund:* beginning balance \$23,454.40; receipts \$977.71; expenditures \$2,677.89; ending balance \$21,754.22. *High Interest Landing Rock Savings:* beginning balance \$80,111.61; receipts \$210.81; ending balance \$80,322.42.

Jona made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Judy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [12-16-25-2]

- **Office Manager's Report:**

Past Due Accounts: 68 past due accounts at \$89,043.76. Eight customers received disconnect notices. Julie stated she was excited working with a full board and was appreciative of how accessible the current Board has been. She thanked Gail Merry for typing up the minutes. The office will be closed from December 24, 2025 through January 1, 2026. Joan was trained on daily billing. We are still waiting for our Julie Dig username and password. The new system starts January 1, 2025. Linda will investigate testing for PFAS in our water since we might need to test starting in 2029. Linda will be looking into forming a small committee to assist her. Our new Certified Operator from TEST is Shane Little who is replacing Joe Glenn. Julie was notified that the effluent at the WWTP was over in October and November. The WWTP Project should rectify this issue.

- **Operator's Report (Water & Wastewater Systems):**

(Read by Linda Repesh) Doug is working on valve locations spreadsheets; All 3 fans are operational at the WWTP. However, the louver mechanism that works to bring fresh air in does not work. A&W is fixing it in their spare time. All the lights are working great. The fence is all disconnected. The weather is supposed to be better next week so they will work on putting the wire electric fence up. Half of the westside is finished for hydrant flushing. They will continue flushing in early Spring. There is one small sewer leak on Deer Paint. The leak will be worked on in the next couple weeks. The operators are continuing their organizing.

VII. Old Business

- **Chamlin & Associates WWTP Project:**

Update on Project: WWTP valves set to be delivered December 29. Ross at Chamlin will connect with Martin & Co. to discuss when Martin will start work on the project.

- **Maguire Iron, Inc. Water Tower Project:**

Update: Sandbags are still up at the water tower. The truckdriver will come when the road is clear. Sauk Valley Landscaping has been contacted to make sure the road is accessible. Maguire knows that they will not get paid until the sand is picked up. Maguire is also requesting the second installment of \$99,692.00 in January 2026 per the original contract.

- **SURF/SYNC Update:** There is a contract signed by the POA that confirms that Surf is responsible for all damages due to fiber optics being installed. Some Board members would like to have a meeting with the POA, SURF, and LLUD to address the costs. Linda has been working with Garriet and Tony from SURF and will advise the Board on next steps.
- **Approve Water Rates Ordinance 02-2025:** Julie read Ordinance 02-2025 for the second time, current water rate usage \$51.00 increasing 5% to \$54.10 in 2026. Ordinance will be posted in the Ogle County Life paper. Ordinance was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-3]

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 6 – WATER RATES-GENERAL, SECTION: 2-6-1 AND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 7 – WATER RATES-APPROVED RATES, SECTION 2-7-2 OF THE DISTRICT’S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE WATER SERVICE CHARGES IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

1. That TITLE 2, CHAPTER 6, WATER RATES GENERAL: SECTION 2-6-1 WATER SERVICE CHARGES be amended by striking paragraph (A) and inserting in their place the following:

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The Basic User Charge shall be reviewed annually by the Board and shall be increased each year by a minimum of 3 percent (3%). Water Usage Charges shall be increased by 5 percent (5%) for year 2026 rounded up to the nearest \$.10.

(A) Basic User Charge per month: **\$54.10**

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2. That TITLE 2, CHAPTER 7, WATER RATES-APPROVED RATES: SECTION 2-7-2 WATER RATES be amended by striking the introduction paragraph and paragraph (A) and inserting in their place the following:

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Water rates in effect at the time the DISTRICT makes service available to the Consumer shall be charged to and paid by each Consumer. A minimum rate of **\$54.10** per month shall be paid by those Consumers. The Basic User Charge shall be reviewed annually by the Board and shall be increased each year by a minimum of 3 percent (3%). Water Usage Charges shall be increased by 5 percent (5%) for year 2026 rounded up to the nearest \$.10.

(A) Basic User Charge: **\$54.10** per month;

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3. This Ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.
Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois and approved by the Chairman of said District this 16th day of December, 2025.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2025

- **Approve Sewer Rates Ordinance 03-2025:** Julie read Ordinance 03-2025 for the second time, increasing sewer rate 5% from \$64.38 to \$67.60 in 2026. Ordinance will be posted in the Ogle County Life Paper. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-4]

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 2 – WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES,

SECTION: 3-2-1 OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

1. That TITLE 3, CHAPTER 2 – WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES, SECTION 3-2-1 be amended by striking paragraph (A) and inserting in its place the following:

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The Basic User Charge shall be reviewed annually by the Board and shall be increased each year by a minimum of 3 percent (3%). Wastewater User Charge shall be increased by 5 percent (5%) for year 2026.

(A) Basic user charge: **\$67.60** per month within the Lost Lake development and Flagg Estate subdivision.

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2. This Ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois and approved by the Chairman of said District this 16th day of December, 2025.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2025

- **Approve 2026 Budget Ordinance 04-2025:** Julie read Ordinance 04-2025 for the second time. It was posted in kiosk, office board, and in the Ogle County Life Newspaper for public disclosure. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-5]

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO 04-2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Lost Lake Utility District hereby adopts its Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026, the budget and appropriation statement set out in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein.
2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois and approved by the Chairman of said District this 16th day of December, 2025.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2025

- **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Time Ordinance 07-2025:** Julie read Ordinance 07-2025 for the second time. The monthly regular meeting times are changed to the third Thursday of the

month at 6pm beginning in January. The ordinance will be posted in the Ogle County Life paper. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-6]

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 7, DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SECTION: 1-7-2 OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2025**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lost Lake Utility District of Ogle County, Illinois as follows:

1. That TITLE 1, CHAPTER 7, DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: SECTION 1-7-2 be amended by striking paragraph (A) and inserting in its place the following:

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(A) Regular Meetings: the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the DISTRICT hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the hour of six o'clock (6:00) p.m. in the chambers provided for the DISTRICT Board of Trustees situated at 404 Lake Court, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Provided that, if the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall take place on the succeeding Thursday at the same hour, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Trustees. Adjourned meetings may be held at such times as the Board of Trustees may determine.

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Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2025

VIII. New Business

- **DC Computer Lease:** Julie will check with the District's attorney to see if the District is allowed to charge rent for space on the water tower before the Board decides to change the current lease that expired in 2025.
- **Water System Leak Data:** Jim will get data from the last 5 years to add to a visual map and spreadsheet so the District can see where leaks are in our community. Jim will be looking for different financial avenues for upgrades for the District. Jim is also looking into updating our current maps of the facility.
- **Central Water/Sewer Document Storage:** Jim is looking into a central document online storage process, a home cloud system where maps/equipment information/manuals will be stored so the operators can access them remotely. This is a long-term goal.

IX. Motion to Recess to Executive Session: Employee Matters-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1-2): Carol made a motion to recess to Executive Session and Jim seconded it.

X. Motion to Conclude Executive Session: Employee Matters-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1-2): Judy made a motion to conclude Executive session and Jim Seconded it.

XI. Motion to Approve Employee Matters-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1-2): Judy motioned to approve Employee Matters and Jim seconded it. The motions were approved by unanimous roll call vote. [12-16-2025-7]

XII. Motion to Reconvene to Regular Meeting: Carol made a motion to reconvene and Jona seconded it.

XIII. Announcements: None

Adjournment: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm and Jana seconded the motion.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on January 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

December 16, 2025 Motions and Ordinance List

Approval of the Agenda: Jim made a motion to approve the agenda, and Jona seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. [12-16-25-1]

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Jona made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Judy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [12-16-25-2]

Approval of Water Rates Ordinance 02-2025: Water Rates Ordinance 02-2025 was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-3]

Approval of Sewer Rates Ordinance 03-2025: Sewer Rates Ordinance 03-2025 was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-4]

Approval of 2026 Budget Ordinance 04-2025: 2026 Budget Ordinance 04-2025 was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-5]

Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Ordinance 07-2025: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Ordinance 07-2025 was approved by unanimous roll call vote and signed. [12-16-25-6]

Motions Produced From Executive Session: Employee Matters-5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1-2): Judy motioned to approve Employee Matters and Jim seconded it. The motions were approved by unanimous roll call vote. [12-16-2025-7]