



Lost Lake Utility District

Regular Meeting Minutes

406 Lake Ct, Dixon IL 61021

March 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present: Linda Repesh, Chair; Carol Workman, Vice Chair; Amy Spelde, Trustee; Jona Perrin, Trustee; Gail Merry, Trustee; Mick Kazmerski, Trustee; Jim Caudill, Trustee (via phone)

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

Absent: Doug Trader, Operator

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Linda Repesh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the Agenda: Carol motioned to approve the agenda and Jonna seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. [03-19-26-01]

IV. Motion to Amend the Agenda: Carol motioned to approve amending the agenda and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. [03-19-26-02]

- Move the Operator's Report to the top of the Reports
- Under New Business ask for nominees for April's election for Chair and Vice Chair.
- Ordinance 2026-05 should be labeled Service Connection
- Under New Business discuss PFAS

V. Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda: Carol motioned to approve the amended agenda and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. [03-19-26-03]

VI. Guest/Public Opinion: Guest welcomed new Board Member, Mick Kazmerski.

VII. Approval of Minutes

- **February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes:** Jonna motioned to approve the February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote 6 yeah 1 abstain. [03-19-26-04]
- **March 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:** Carol motioned to approve the March 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote 6 yeah 1 abstain. [03-19-26-05]

VIII. Reports

- **Operator's Report (Water & Wastewater Systems):** Sync started digging yesterday. Things are progressing. Communication is much better. Ishmael from Sync called and said they found a service line the operators didn't mark on Rolling Lane. The operators are using dowsing rods and there is a chance they could be off. There is only pvc out here. The Utility didn't use any tracer or locator wire. The operators would also like new maps; one for out in the field and one that stays in the office. Jim said he would get the maps they need. The operators need to clean and vacuum out a valve so they can turn the water off for the plumber who is working in the WWTP. Eric stated he thinks the reason Martin has not started working again is because the roads are posted. Joe Glynn from TEST and Eric are going to work on the pumps for sand filter 1 because not all the bed is being used. Eric and Doug has already been replacing the disks that direct the water into the different sections of the bed. The operators do have a newer metal detector to help locate metal valves. When the WWTP is completed, Martin is going to move all the rocks and dirt they took from sand bed 2 and spread it around the property. Mike Qualfi will be fixing all the landscape issues caused by the Sync sewer breaks sometime this Spring.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Financial reports were provided to the Board and read into the record for period ending February 28, 2026.
 - *Operating Account:* beginning balance \$87,254.24; receipts \$67,114.03; expenditures \$51,987.65; ending balance \$102,380.62. *Project Fund:* beginning balance \$233,422.05; receipts 6,210.65; expenditures \$0; ending balance \$239,632.70. *Debt Service Bond Fund:* beginning balance \$151,121.30; receipts \$18,792.84; expenditures \$1,567.08; ending balance \$168,347.06. *Sauk Valley CD:* beginning balance \$79,899.17; receipts \$260.04; ending balance \$80,159.21. *Equipment Replacement Fund:* beginning balance \$17,118.80; receipts \$15.10; ending balance \$17,133.90. *IMRF Fund:* beginning balance \$20,338.33; receipts \$385.35; expenditures \$1,331.49; ending balance \$19,392.19. *Sauk Valley Bank High Interest Savings:* beginning balance \$80,732.92; receipts \$182.70; Ending Balance \$80,915.62.
 - Amy motioned to approve the February, 2026 Treasurers Report and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote 6 yeah 1 abstain. [03-19-26-06]
- **Office Manager's Report:**
 - **Past Due Accounts:** 64 accounts are past due totaling \$97,187.20.
 - **Shut Off Account:** The Board decided to put a lien on the property. Foreclosure process has begun on the property.
 - **Miscellaneous:** Julie just reminded everyone to turn in their Statement of Economic Interest before May 1st.

IX. Old Business

- **Chamlin WWTP IEPA Requirements Project:** Eric gave an update during the operator's report.
- **Road Repair:** King's Blacktop gave the District a preliminary quote for the damage caused by Maguire's subcontractor picking up the bags of sand. The quote was for \$2,720.00.
- **Sync Invoices:** Sync invoices have been dismissed and are being handled by Surf.
- **Record Retention:** Julie is working on the electronic data totals for the spreadsheet. Carol asked for volunteers to help with sorting and shredding. It was brought up that Ogle County offers a secure shredding program a couple of times a year.
- **Goals Spreadsheet:** Bathroom at WWTP was moved from long-term goal to short-term goal. Linda asked if the Board members should have a separate meeting to discuss the different goals in more detail. The Board also discussed having a spare grinder pump. The Board decided to put the purchase of the grinder pump on the Agenda for next month.

X. New Business

- **Nominees for Chair and Vice Chair:** Linda asked if there were any nominees for the Chair and Vice Chair for the May's election. Jim said he would like to be a considered for the Chair and Linda nominated Carol. Linda asked for any more nominations for a total of 3 times. The elections will be held in April for terms starting in May.
- **Lot 1006 Evergreen Water Availability:** A customer was questioning why he was paying availability fee on a lot that didn't have water to it. Linda called the customer to inform him that when he decides to build, water will be made available.
- **Motion to Approve New Locks at WWTP:** The benefits and costs of the WWTP and water tower having keyless entry doors (2-3 doors) were discussed. Amy made motion to approve new keyless locks at the WWTP and the Water Tower and Carol seconded the motion. This was an informal vote because it was a maintenance issue and it will be under \$500 (most likely under \$300). The Board was fine with having keyless locks.
- **Motion to Approve Security Camera at Water Tower:** The Board discussed options to have cameras at the water tower. Jim stated that they need to be remotely viewed; might need Wi-Fi, internet drop, or cellular data. The Board decided to look more into the different types of cameras. Linda suggested calling different Utilities for their suggestions. Don Merry (guest) suggested a local contractor, Illinois Telephone and Data Solutions. This will continue to be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- **Motion to Approve WWTP Sand Bed Covers:** Two options were shared from Chamlin & Associates that Martin Excavating and Company would install: 16 pound (oz) geotextile fabric, \$10,312.00; 12 pound (oz) geotextile fabric, \$8,712.00. Some concerns were how long the material will last due to our winters. The Board decided to move forward with the installation if the material will last our winters. Amy made a motion to approve the 16

pound geotextile winter approved fabric and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [03-19-2026-7]

- **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-01 Availability Fees:** Carol made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Availability Fees and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [03-19-2026-8] *A full copy of the Ordinance is attached as Appendix A.*
 - **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-02 Water Tap-on Fee:** Carol made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 Water Tap-on Fee and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [03-19-2026-9] *A full copy of the Ordinance is attached as Appendix B.*
 - **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-03 Sewer Tap-on fee:** Amy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03 Sewer Tap-on Fee and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [03-19-2026-10] *A full copy of the Ordinance is attached as Appendix C.*
 - **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-04 Outside District Water Tap-on Fee:** The Ordinance was not labeled correctly in the Agenda. The motion will be on April's Agenda. *A full copy of the Ordinance is attached as Appendix D.*
 - **Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-05 Service Fee:** Carol made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05 and Amy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [03-19-2026-11] *A full copy of the Ordinance is attached as Appendix E.*
 - **PFAS Information:** Linda shared that in 2021 we did have PFAS sampling completed by the Illinois EPA. The results were below the 4 part per trillion maximum concentration level set by the EPA for PFAS.
 - **Welcome New Trustee Mick Kazmerski:** Everyone introduced themselves.
- XI. Announcements:** Easter Egg Dash is on April 4th at Lake Court Center and Saturday April 25th is the plant exchange.
- XII. Adjournment:** Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm and Carol seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. [03-19-26-12]

The next Regular Meeting will be held on April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

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Appendix A

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 4, DEFINITIONS, SECTION: 1-4-2 OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE AVAILABILITY CHARGE IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026

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

- That TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4, DEFINITIONS: SECTION 1-4-2 be amended by striking paragraph (N-6) and inserting in its place the following:

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(N-6) "Availability Charge" shall mean the charge on all unimproved lots where water and/or sewer is available for hook-up. There shall be an availability charge for water and a separate charge for sewer availability. When the unimproved lot is improved, the availability charge for that lot shall terminate. Availability charges are based on the original plotted lots when this community was incorporated as Lost Lake. When the property is sold or transferred, the property is subject to the current ordinance.

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- 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 19th day of March, 2026.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstain:

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2026

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2 – WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES, CHAPTER 1, REGULATIONS AND RATES, SECTION: 2-1-2 OF THE DISTRICT’S UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2026

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

- That TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, REGULATIONS AND RATES: SECTION 2-1-2 be amended by striking paragraph (B) and inserting in its place the following:

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(B) CONNECTION PERMITS: Connections with the water utility system shall be made only after a permit has been issued by the DISTRICT Certified Operator. All such connections shall be made under the supervision of the DISTRICT and in such a manner as the DISTRICT may direct through its duly authorized employees. No connection shall be covered until the District Certified Operator has inspected and approved the work. No water from the water utility system shall be turned on for service into any premises by any person other than the DISTRICT Certified Operator. The owner shall indemnify the DISTRICT for any and all loss or damage that may be directly or indirectly occasioned by the connection of the property to the water system. All cost for the connection or the tap-on, including but specifically not limited to the costs of tap-on, including but specifically not limited to the costs of excavation and labor, shall be the owner’s sole responsibility. Also a tap-on fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) is required.

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- 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 by the Chairman of said District this 19th day of March, 2026.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain:

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2026

Appendix C

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 3 – WASTEWATER, CHAPTER 1, WASTEWATER REGULATIONS, SECTION: 3-1-2 OF THE DISTRICT’S UTILITY MOVING FROM PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL TO THE PUBLIC SYSTEM IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 03-2026**

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

- That TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, WASTEWATER REGULATIONS: SECTION 3-1-2 be amended by striking paragraphs (B-1) and (B-2) and inserting in its place the following:

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(B-1) Upon application for sewer service within the DISTRICT, in areas not currently served, the DISTRICT may authorize the extension of the main. The DISTRICT shall incur all cost of the first two hundred feet (200’) of the main extension. The applicant shall pay all remaining costs of the extension. The additional cost of the extension will be divided by the potential future users of the extension. Each additional user that taps on to the extension within a ten (10) year period will pay the original applicant their portion of the additional cost of the main extension. Each customer that taps on to the sewer main will pay a fee of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00).

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(B-2) Application for main extension outside the DISTRICT shall require a Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) tap on fee for each connection to the main. The applicant will pay all costs of the main extension. The additional cost of the extension will be divided by the potential future users of the extension. Each additional user that taps on to the extension within a ten (10) year period will pay the original applicant their portion of the additional cost of the main.

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- 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 by the Chairman of said District this 19th day of March, 2026.

Ayes: ___7___
Nays: ___0___
Abstain: _____

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2026

Appendix D

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2 – WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES, CHAPTER 7, WATER RATES-APPROVED RATES, SECTION: 2-7-1 OF THE DISTRICT’S UTILITY APPLICATION FEE IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026**

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

- That TITLE 2, CHAPTER 7, WATER RATES-APPROVED RATES: SECTION 2-7-1 be amended by striking paragraph (2-7-1) and inserting in its place the following:

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(2-7-1) APPLICATION FEE: A fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall accompany each application for water service. This fee shall cover the administrative costs of processing the application, including a credit check, and the initial cost of turning on service to the premises. Applicants for water service shall pay a charge of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for each connection or tap-on to the water mains of the DISTRICT for properties not now connected or tapped-on to the water mains, whether presently constructed or to be constructed.

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- 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 by the Chairman of said District this 19th day of March, 2026.

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Abstain: _____

APPROVED this 19th day of March, 2026

This was not voted on and moved to the April meeting.

Appendix E

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2 – WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES, CHAPTER 6, WATER RATES-GENERAL, SECTION: 2-6-3 OF THE DISTRICT’S UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN THE LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

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

- That TITLE 2, CHAPTER 6, WATER RATES-GENERAL: SECTION 2-6-3 be amended by striking paragraph 2-6-3 Availability fee and inserting in its place the following:

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(2-6-3) Availability Fee: A monthly fee shall be assessed to the owner of each unimproved lot(s) within the Lost Lake development and Flagg Estate subdivision. Once a lot(s) is improved and water utility service is extended and available to it, the unimproved lot fee shall no longer apply. The amount of the fee is set forth in Chapter 6, Section 2-6-1(D).

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Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain:

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