

**Lost Lake Utility District Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**404 Lake Court, Dixon, IL at 7:00 pm**  
**May 17, 2022**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mike C. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees present: Anne Harms, Joe Bajko, Mike Steffens, Hal Warren, and Ray Ford. Also present: Susan Steffens, Secretary; Julie Peters, Treasurer; Chad Judd, Operator; and a member of the community.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Anne made a motion to approve the agenda. Cheri seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-17-22-1).
- IV. **Suez Water Tower Maintenance Presentation:** Bill Murfree has worked for Utility Service company for 19 years; it was sold to Suez; and now, recently Veoila Environmental Services has purchased Suez. The maintenance program is a service contract for the water tower. The contract aligns with all EPA standards. The Program is designed for risk management. The Board discussed with Bill, how funds were secured? It is a publicly traded company; During water tower washouts and painting, what additional expenses would the district incur? A bladder tank would need to be rented. Suez would handle all due diligence on the tower and report to the District. Bill will reach out to the District again and would like to come back and speak with the Board in the future.
- V. **Approval of the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Hal made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Joe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-17-22-2).
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Julie read into record for the period ending April 30, 2022. *Operating Account:* beginning balance: \$65,254.95; receipts: \$60,542.30; expenditures: \$43,341.29; ending balance: \$82,455.96; *Project Fund:* beginning balance: \$146,888.95; receipts: \$10,006.13; expenditures: \$9,631.00; ending balance: \$147,264.08. *Debt Service Bond Fund:* beginning balance: \$152,658.97; receipts: \$15,630.48; expenditures: \$0; ending balance: \$168,289.45. *Money Market Fund:* beginning balance: \$70,040.88; receipts: \$167.16; ending balance \$70,208.04. *Equipment Replacement Fund:* beginning balance: \$12,393.21; receipts: \$.52; ending balance: \$12,394.25. *IMRF Fund:* beginning balance \$5,330.08; receipts: \$1,275.33; expenditures: \$2,596.50; ending balance: \$4,008.91. Mike C. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Anne seconded the motion. Anne asked for a break-down on new home service connections to ensure the applications fees are aligned with costs. Chad to provide. Joe questioned the \$10,000 draw from Central Bank rather than the project fund. Mike stated the fund draw is for payment for the sand filter liner. Discussion was held by the Board. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (5-17-22-3).
- VII. **Old Business**

**Water System Update:** Chad reported that there is a 20,000-gallon loss somewhere in the system. Everyone should keep a lookout for wet grounds.

**WWTP Update:** Jeff Winterland has not showed up yet. However, sand filter one media is ready to be removed. Chad has removed the fencing, but poles will need to be removed. Piping will need to be glued, and the 1600-pound liner will need many people to place in the filter bed.
- VIII. **New Business**

**Chairman compensation increase:** The Board discussed a pay increase for the Chairman position from \$100 a meeting to \$150 a meeting. Hal made motion to approve a pay increase for the Chairman position

from \$100 to \$150. Joe seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (5-17-22-4). A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

**Well Pump No. 9 motion to payouts for repairs:** Mike stated that the previously discussed vibration at the well pump needs to be addressed. He felt it is not an if but a when situation and the pump will fail. The readings are not consistent. An insulation test on motor hasn't failed but will. The cost estimate from Albrecht is \$19,264 plus any deformities in the casing when they pull the pump. Each casing piece is \$567, there are 14 at our site. The chances are very slim that all would need to be replaced. The system would be contaminated in the event the casing breaks, and we will have system failure. Mike is asking the Board for up to \$30,000 to replace pump and keep old pump and have it refurbished and stored for the future. Chad stated that the pump should be pulled and inspected every ten years. The previous Board decided to wait, and it is time for a pump replacement. Hal made a motion to replace and repair the pump for \$19,264 at well pump No. 9 and additional \$10,000 for casing if necessary. Mike S. seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (5-17-22-5).

**IX. Water Tower Maintenance:** Mike C. stated he would like the engineers to put together a bid to paint the water inside an out. Mike wants to build a fund for future work. Mike stated that Suez paints every 10-12 years, but the paint warranty is 20 years. The water tower was painted in 2007. The cost to paint is estimated around \$250,000. If Suez provides service, the cost is \$100,000 each year for three years then \$24,671 per year with an inflation cap of 3 percent. After 10 years, it would be painted again. An estimated quote for the Morris Tower was \$200,000. Mike would like to pay cash for painting the tower in the 2023 year. Discussion was held by the Board. A bid package should be sent out, so we can decide for next year; and at this time, the District Board is not willing to go forward with a maintenance contract.

**X. Guest/Public Opinion:** Mike Robinson: Q. On the Treasurer's report what is rental for from Ace Hardware? A. the liner for the sand filter weighs 1600 pounds and a Skid Steer was rented . Q. What happens when the water tower gets painted. A. We have two wells that the community would draw from and the water tower would be empty.

**XI. Adjournment:** Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-17-22-6). The meeting ended at 8:42 pm. The next Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on June 21, 2022.

5-17-22-1	Motion to approve the Agenda
5-17-22-2	Motion to Regular Meeting Minutes
5-17-22-3	Motion to approve Treasurer's Report
5-17-22-4	Motion to approve increase to Chairman's compensation
5-17-22-5	Motion to approve up to \$19,264 plus \$10,000 for casing
5-17-22-6	Motion to Adjourn