

# Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority

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## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Harma called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, Barry Bower and Christina Hutchings. Also present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Anne Richmond, Engineer Paul Schram, and Attorney Rob Thall. Access to the meeting was available via Zoom. Consumers Credit Union representative Emma Elms arrived at 1:37 p.m.

**REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:** Stoneburner made the motion to set the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Hutchings. **Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Hutchings-aye; Harma-aye; Motion carried.**

**HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items):** Nothing presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Crumb was able to save Charleston Township money by finding a cheaper contractor to do sewer work on E. Michigan Avenue. GLSWA was called out to 5929 N. 37<sup>th</sup> Street to assist with a Grinder Pump that was not pumping down. This has been a recurring issue due to grease. Grinder Pump checks are performed annually with the next inspections to be completed prior to Memorial Day. John Crumb was appointed as a primary member of the UPC by the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission. The City of Kalamazoo will begin using the Climax Meter and the new 37<sup>th</sup> Street Meter for billing purposes, better representing true flow for the determination of rates. Crumb will be attending the May 3 Village of August Meeting to review the M-96 Lining Contract and the cost sharing breakdown of 11% for the Village of Augusta. A motion was made by Hutchings and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the consent agenda. **Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Hutchings-aye; Harma-aye; Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

Formal Removal of Signer (WK) Motion  
The motion to approve signers for banking at the February 17, 2021 Board Meeting did not explicitly state to remove Wesley Kahler from the signature cards. Crumb

recommended that the Board formally make this motion for the record. A motion was made by Harma and seconded by Bower to remove Wesley Kahler from the GLSWA signature cards for banking. **Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Hutchings-aye; Harma-aye; Motion carried.**

Consumers Credit Union Business Account Discussion  
Emma Elms from Consumers Credit Union obtained Board Member signatures to update the Consumers Credit Union bank signature cards.

GapVax Payment Discussion  
The delivery of the new GapVax Combination JetVac has been delayed from July to December. The current contract calls for 3 annual payments of \$165,635.68 each July. Due to the delay, GLSWA will not be able to inspect the new GapVax prior to the first payment. Attorney Thall also pointed out a possible bankruptcy risk by paying ahead. Republic First National would allow GLSWA to delay the 3 annual payments to December by making an interest payment of \$13,858.98 in July. This would increase the overall cost by \$6,111.96. A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Hutchings to execute the lease/purchase agreement as originally signed. **Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Hutchings-aye; Harma-aye; Motion carried.**

M-96 Lining Proposal Discussion  
Crumb reported that GLSWA is ready to move forward with a contractor for the M-96 Lining project. He is meeting with the Village of Augusta on May 3, looking into the cost of water with the City of Galesburg, and has discussed insurance requirements with Geoff Lansky. Crumb expects to complete the project before Memorial Day.

GLSWA/Charleston Township Agreement Motion  
Attorney Thall reported that the Charleston Township Attorney has not reviewed the proposed GLSWA/Charleston Agreement. A motion was made by Harma and seconded by Hutchings to direct Attorney Thall to notify Charleston Township in writing that GLSWA will be terminating sewer services provided to Charleston Township unless GLSWA has a signed agreement with Charleston Township within 60 days. **Roll Call Vote: Bower-aye; Stoneburner-aye; Hutchings-aye; Harma-aye; Motion carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS: On Going**

Crumb reviewed the status of the items on the Master List. He will be focusing on legal work including a new contract with Cooper Township. Crumb is also participating in potential Special Assessment District discussions for Sherman Lake sewer connections.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Crumb reported that he will be having ankle surgery on May 5 and will be working remotely for 2 weeks as he has been directed to stay off his feet. He is still planning on the May 19 Board Meeting.

Stoneburner reported that SWBCSWA did away with the roving Board Member and now consists of 4 Board Members. The sewer rate increase was passed. Prairieville will have a new Police Chief on May 1.

**ADJOURN.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 1:30 P.M.

Submitted for approval

  
Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary