



## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2025, BOARD MEETING**

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, Bear Priest, Christina Hutchings and Barry Bower. Also, present were the Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Attorney Lindsay Dangel, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Rate Consultant Andy Campbell and a few area residents.

### **REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to set the agenda as present. Motion was seconded by Bower.

**Motion carried: all ayes.**

### **HEAR THOSE PRESENT:**

- Few area residents spoke.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion

- December 9, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- December 9, 2024, Closed Session Minutes (handout)
- December 9, 2024, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- Village of Augusta December 2024
- City of Galesburg December 2024
- The Bluffs September through December 2024
- SCSWA December 2024
- Patterson FOIA Request
- 8384 Silverado Ln/Patterson
- Financial Report /Bills Pd. + Payable for December 2024

Priest made the motion to add the email received on 1/17/2025 from Ms. Markus to the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion failed; 2 ayes and 3 nays**

Stoneburner made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

**Motion carried; 3 ayes and 2 nays.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Andy Campbell from Budzinski & Co.**

Presentation

### **FY 2026' Budget**

Motion

A motion was made by Priest and seconded by Hutchings to approve the budget with a rate of \$60 per quarter and find away to make up the \$32,000 deficit. Priest rescinded his motion.

A motion as made by Priest and seconded by Hutchings to table the FY 2026' Budget, FY 2026' Capital Investments, 2025 Equipment and Labor Rates and 2025 Fee Schedule. A special meeting was agreed to for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Motion carried; all ayes**

### **FY 2026' Capital Investments**

Motion

### **2025 Equipment and Labor Rates**

Motion

### **2025 Fee Schedule**

Motion

### **SCSWA IGA**

Motion

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Priest to approve SCSWA IGA as presented.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

### **The Bluff's O&M Agreement**

Motion

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Priest to approve the amended agreement as presented.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Executive Directors Report**

Discussion

Closed Session:

At 4:08 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board, supported by Bower, convene to Closed Session to consult with legal counsel to consider attorney client material exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h) and MCL 15.243 (1)(g).

**Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.**

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Priest to return to the regular meeting at 5:04 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.**

**Motion carried**

**ADJOURN.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Submitted for approval.

  
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Jeff Sorensen – Secretary