

MINUTES OF March 18, 2025, BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

9:07 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.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 Dangl, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson and a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to set the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Priest. **Motion carried: all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

A few area residents spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

- February 20, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- February 20, 2025, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (handout)
- Financial Report /Bills Pd. + Payable for February 2025

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

Motion carried: all ayes

CORRESPONENCE:

- February 20, 2025, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- City of Galesburg February 2025
- The Bluffs February 2025
- SCSWA February 2025
- Email to Matt Callendar Regarding Walking Path over Sewer Easement

- Regional Commission Re: City of Kalamazoo Funding Request for Sustainable Biosolids Alternatives
- Ice Pigging Contract with American Pipeline Solutions
- Rate Increase Notice
- Mark Rodgers FOIA Request
- Bear Priest FOIA Request
- Staff Email to Chair and Director

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session:

At 9:14 a.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board, supported by Bower, convened 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 10:04 a.m.

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

Motion carried

Sorensen made the motion to amend the agenda and to follow the Attorney's recommendation regarding Whitcomb property. Motion was seconded by Bower.

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

Motion carried

Correspondence Request of Counsel

Motion

A motion was made by Stoneburner to table. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

Motion carried; all ayes

Live Video Request Motion

A motion was made by Priest to not allow live video access to our system, if need on-site access will be available for review. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Sick Time Request Motion

A motion was made by Priest to allow the use of existing banked time off prior to the February 2025 amendment to the Personnel Policy to be used as paid time off for all staff. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

Motion carried; all ayes

April Board Meeting Date Change to April 24th at 1:30 p.m.

Motion

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A motion was made by Sorensen to change the meeting date of the April 17th meeting to April 24th at 1:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried; all ayes

Invoice Request

A motion was made by Sorensen not to approve invoicing for the Executive Director's time, pertaining to the Sherman Lake mandatory connection enforcement, to Ross Township. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried; all ayes

City of Kalamazoo TMF

Discussion

Executive Directors Report

Discussion

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made to adjourn by Sorensen and Seconded by Bower.

Motion carried; all ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Submitted for approval

leff Sorensen - Secretary