



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Harma called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m. Commissioners present were Lysanne Harma, Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, Christina Hutchings and Barry Bower. Also, present were Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo, Attorney Lindsay Dangel, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram and a few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

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

Motion carried: all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- One resident spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

August 19, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet

SCSWA Report for August 2024

City of Galesburg IGA

Baker Tilly Confirmation of Contract Termination

Michigan Department of Treasury Response

1681 Idlewild Dr

SCSWA FM Break

Sherman Lake Residents Association

Financial Report / Bills Pd. + Payable for August 2024

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

Motion carried; all ayes.

Closed Session:

At 1:47 pm. Stoneburner moved that the Authority Board supported by Sorensen convene on 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; Hutchings- aye; Harma- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye.

Motion carried

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Hutchings to exit session at 2:42 p.m.

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

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Patterson FOIA Appeal

Motion

Attorney Dangl was asked by the board chairman to explain the FOIA Requests and Responses to multiple Requests provided in the exhibit given to the commissioners. Attorney Dangl went through the requests and how and when they were received and the responses given to the requests. Mr. Pattersons appeal was focused on the Authorities lack of transparency and exorbitant wages and attorney fees. Commissioner Hutchings then asked Director Crumb if there was a document retention policy for the documents that were denied and he stated yes, they are kept for 1 year. The documents that Mr. Patterson requested do not exist. The issue regarding all compensation was not provided. When asked of Director Crumb if a document that contains all of that information he stated that no such document exists.

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to uphold the denial, in favor.

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

Motion carried.

Sherman Lake Delinquent Accounts for Connection Fee

Motion

A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Bower to table for a month.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Director's Amended Contract

Motion

A motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Hutchings to table for a month

Motion carried; all ayes.

Appoint New Board Chair

Motion

A motion was made by Harma and seconded by Sorensen to appoint Jim Stoneburner as the Chairman until November meeting.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Bendzinski Rate Consulting Contract

Motion

A motion was made by Hutchings and seconded by Stoneburner to approve the Bendzinski contract with an effective date of 9/17/2024.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Reverse Hutchings Unexcused Absence

A motion was made Stoneburner and seconded by Sorensen to reverse Hutchings unexcused absence as and excused absence.

Motion carried; 4 ayes and 1 nay.

OLD BUSINESS**Executive Directors Report**

Discussion

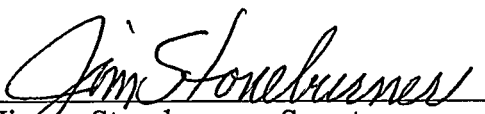
ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, October 21, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Submitted for approval


Jimmy Stoneburner – Secretary