GLSWA
Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2026, 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 Leslee Schnepp, legal counsel Lindsay Dangl, and area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA: Motion
Sorensen made a motion to set the agenda as amended to remove The Bluff's action items in New Business and add the FOIA Appeals as action items in New Business.
Motion was seconded by Bower.
Motion carried: All ayes

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:
- A few residents spoke.
- Charleston Twp Supervisor stated they did not accept the GLSWA offer.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion
- October 9, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

Sorensen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion was seconded by Hutchings.
Motion carried: 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention

CORRESPONDENCE:
- September 17, 2026, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- October 9, 2026, Special Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- The Bluffs September 2026
- SCSWA September 2026
- City of Kalamazoo September 2026
- Ross Twp & Richland Twp Outstanding Invoices
- SMB&T CDs
- Advia CU Changes to Business Service Charges
- FOIAs

Hutchings made a motion requesting a legal opinion to be provided during open session regarding the SMBT CD signatures and the "powers" related to the Executive Director signing and authorizing the CD. Attorney Dangl indicated the bank documents were vague and recommended the Board acts in compliance with the By-Laws.
The Motion was seconded by Priest.
Motion carried: All ayes

Closed Session: ***Consult with legal counsel to consider attorney client material exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) and MCL 15.243(1).***
At 1:44 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter 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) with all Board Members, Executive Director, and Executive Assistant.
The Motion was seconded by Priest.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner-aye; Priest-aye; Sorensen-aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Priest and seconded by Bower to return to the regular meeting at 2:33 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

• **FOIA Appeals (Mr. Maronek)** Motions
Attorney Dangl asked each Board Member if they received all the supplemental documentation related to the FOIA's and the Appeals. All confirmed.

Attorney Dangl provided an overview of the FOIA requests and appeals. The Board considered the information presented and supplemental materials submitted by Mr. Maronek.

Priest made the motion to deny the appeals regarding FOIAs #1-5. a
Motion was seconded by Sorensen.
Motion carried: All ayes

Priest made a motion to deny the appeal on FOIA #6 and request the response be resent.
Motion was seconded by Sorensen.
Motion carried: All ayes

Regarding FOIAs #8 and #14, Priest made a motion to correct the worksheet from hours to increments, deny the public interest request for relief on paying the fees, and deny the indigency relief for failure to produce the certification of indigency.
Motion was seconded by Sorensen.
Motion carried: All ayes

Regarding FOIA #11, Priest made a motion to approve the appeal to release unredacted Mika Meyers invoices and recommend Mr. Maronek communicate using the email gulllakesewer@glswa.org to ensure timely responses.
Motion was seconded by Sorensen.
Motion carried: All ayes

Attorney Dangl was instructed to communicate the determination in writing to the appellant within the required timeframe under Michigan FOIA.

• **Charter & Field Engineering Services** Motion
Priest made a motion requesting legal counsel review the Time and Material Agreement with Charter & Field and upon mutual agreement accept the agreement with Charter & Field Engineering Services to retain Paul Schram as the Authority's engineer.
Motion was seconded by Sorensen.
Motion carried: All ayes

• **Financial Report / Bills Pd. +Payables for August 2026** Motion
Sorensen made the motion to approve the financials as presented.
Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.
Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays

• **Certify Delinquent Accounts (handouts)** Motion
Sorensen made a motion to certify the delinquent list and request the townships place the delinquents on the tax roll. Motion seconded by Priest.
Motion carried, all ayes.

• **Cell Phone Policy Update** Motion
Sorensen made the motion to approve the changes with the addition of language related to obscenity and gambling and adopt the changes to the Personnel Policy to include the Cell Phone Policy.
Motion was seconded by Bower.
Motion carried: All ayes

Executive Director Report Discussion
Executive Director Crumb updated the board on items he has been working on and continues to work on.

OLD BUSINESS

- LS # 5 Generator Replacement Discussion

- FM 1 ARV Replacement Discussion

Sorensen made a motion to remove the November Board Meeting.
Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried: All ayes

Adjourn
A Motion was made by Priest and seconded by Stoneburner to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m.
Motion carried: All ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Jeff Sorensen – Secretary