

Otter Lake Water Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Vice Chairman Terry Davis with all Commissioners present except, Chairman Jake Rettberg, convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm with John Gudgel arriving at 5:05 pm. Others present included, Joe Hogan, Denzel Jines, Dennis Ross, and Meghan Theel.

MINUTES:

David Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 13, 2024. John Uly seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

Tish Robinson, an Otter Lake Park camper came to listen to the meeting.

BILL LIST:

Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$359,851.03 for payment. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for February was \$21.83 with a year to date of \$4,493.34.

The total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for February is \$16,053.52. With a total owed to date of \$100,114.97.

PARK MANAGER`S REPORT:

Dennis Ross reported:

- **Open Sites**- On average we have 8 to 12 lease holders drop out at the end of each season. We have 10 open sights to show this spring. Currently there are 151 names on the waiting list.
- **Bait Shop**- Bait shop hours are 7-3 Thursday to Monday. We will be open 7-7 seven days a week starting April 15th.
- **North Shower House**- The North shower house project is still under construction. The goal is to have the shower house completed before the water comes on April 15, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report

GENERAL MANAGER`S REPORT:

Joe Hogan reported:

- **Water Treatment Plant Tours**- Last month Denzel and I hosted two different water plant tours. The first was for students from ERTC in Edwardsville. This is an annual tour for students going through the 1-year water operator program. The second tour was given to 5-6 grade science students from Pawnee. Both tours went very well. Pawnee said they would like to make it an annual trip for their science students.
- **Technical Conferences**- Stan and I attended the Illinois Rural Water Association's annual conference in Effingham. Denzel was unable to attend due to an illness.
- **Village of Thayer Billing**- We have been working with our billing software to integrate the Village's information into our records. Once that is complete, we will start a trial billing cycle.
- **Route 104 Update**- As of the beginning of March, we are still waiting for a few physical copies of easements. We have started to send the IEPA financial documents and the application for the SRF loan. Included in your packet is a copy of an updated cost estimate, along with an updated timeline for the project.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Denzel Jines reported:

- **Water Quality**- February 2024 saw an average lake temp of 42 degrees and an average Ph of 8.2. The lake level was recorded at 620'. Full pool. MIB and Geosmin sample results are listed below. We are operating the UV system in disinfection mode only.
MIB and Geosmin Sample Results
 February 12, 2024 Raw Geosmin 5.9 ng/L and finished Geosmin 3.1 ng/L
 February 12, 2024 Raw MIB 2.6 ng/L and finished MIB 2.3 ng/L
- **Dam Maintenance**- The crew has continued cutting brush and has burned the face of the dam.
- **Water Plant**- The crew did some parking lot maintenance. They spread rock around the parking lot and filled in the developing potholes at the entrance.
- **Operator Training**- The crew continued training on our B capture kit since we still had the chlorine ton cut away. They learned how to use each piece of the kit and how to stop the various leaks that could happen on a chlorine ton cylinder. They have also continued training on our pipe mockup. We've set up a scrap piece of pipe and they have been practicing assembling solid sleeves and romacs. In March they will be attending an SCBA training class. This class will teach them how to properly inspect the SCBA equipment and how to properly use the equipment.
- **Thayer Tank**- Corpro installed the rectifier panel for the cathodic protection system for the tank and hooked up the system. They tested the system to ensure it is ready to use. The system is off and will be off until October 2024.
- **Distribution System Leak #1**- The crew fixed a leak February 5, 2024, on an abandoned 1" service line on Tank Rd. The crew unhooked the service line from the meter setter then crimped the line and folded it over. Then they removed the setter and meter pit and filled the hole in with dirt. Then on the

main side the service line was removed from the tap and crimped then folded over. A copper disc was put into the corp. stop and the corp was turned off.

- **Distribution System Leak #2**- On Rt 104 the crew fixed a leak February 9, 2024, on our 10" CI transmission line. We discovered an old dresser coupling that had severe corrosion. The bolts holding the mechanical joint together were nearly nonexistent. The crew cut in a repair to restore operations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing to Report.

At 5:30 pm Larry Mouser made a motion to adjourn. Dave Skinner seconded the motion. With no further business to discuss the meeting was unanimously adjourned. The next Commission Meeting will be at the Commission Office - 6475 W Montgomery Road in Virden on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Meghan Theel

Board approved these minutes 4/9/2024.