

Otter Lake Water Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

Vice Chairman Terry Davis with all Commissioners present except Jake Rettberg convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included; Dennis Ross, Bob Dill and Andrea Hanney.

MINUTES:

John Gudgel made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 12, 2017. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote with Mike McCarthy and David Skinner voting present.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

None present

BILL LIST:

Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$190,942.43 for payment. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

SINE DIE:

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 pm to enter into a Sine Die to elect new officers. Ron Jombock made a motion to re-elect all current officers by acclamation of votes: Jake Rettberg as Chairman, Terry Davis as Vice-Chairman, Dennis Ross as Treasurer, Laura Sommerfeld as Clerk. John Gudgel seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. The new officers then reconvened the meeting at 5:08 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Commission has received the required paperwork from Britz for dock #16.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for December was \$6,228.07 with a year to date of \$548,731.92.

Total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for December is \$21,301.43. With a total owed to date of \$21,301.43.

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Ross reported:

- 319 Grant – Two ponds are currently under construction, one on a shared property line with the Commission and Alan McIntire, the second completely on Alan McIntire's property. The final pond for this grant will be built on Chase Flentje's property as soon as weather permits. We will complete our commitments on the current 319 grant this summer with approximately 5,000' of shoreline work.
- RCPP – The announcement was made last month and the Otter Lake Watershed received an \$833,000 award. These funds will be used through the current NRCS program on properties in the Otter Lake Watershed. It will include projects such as cover crops, strip till, no till, and invasive species removal.
- Campground Electric Project – All of the trenching and installation of the meter pedestals is complete. We are waiting on the delivery of the disconnects from RECC. Next winter will be the final phase of the electric and water system replacement.
- Catholic Cemetery Road Water Main – We have all of the required easements and a permit from IEPA. Construction could begin as early as March.

- Pawnee Power Plant – We continue to meet with the representative from Emberclear to discuss the possible role of the Commission when the plant is built.
- RECC Electric Rates – RECC has announced a reduction in rates due to a change in their power supplier. They have reviewed our past 12 months of usage and estimate our bills for the water system to be \$18,000 less and for the campground to be \$4,800 less for 2018.
- Selection of Legal Counsel – John Myers will be retiring on March 31, 2018. The Commission needs to consider who we would like to replace him. John has recommended Don Craven as a consideration

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Bob Dill reported:

- Water Quality – We remain dry. I’m hoping for an above precipitation month for January.
- West Cone Valve Change Out – Our guys changed out the waste valve.
- Chemical Ordering – We have ordered chemicals around the holidays.
- Dirt Work for Winter – We have leveled out water main projects for winter. We still have a number of landscaping projects for spring.
- Water Main Breaks – We had our worse year for main breaks in 20 years.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None to report.

At 6:07pm John Gudgel made a motion to adjourn. Terry Davis 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, February 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Andrea Hanney

The Board approved these minutes 2/13/2018.