

Otter Lake Water Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 08,2025

Chairman Jake Rettberg with all Commissioners present except John Gudgel convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included Joe Hogan, Denzel Jines, Shannon Collins, Angela Verticchio, CPA, and Meghan Theel

MINUTES:

Dave Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 10, 2025. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

None Present

BILL LIST:

Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$816,844.55 for payment. Larry Mouser seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for June was \$42,558.34 with a year to date of \$322,579.13.

Total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for June is \$26,869.42. With a total owed to date of \$0.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:

Shannon Collins reported:

- Equipment for Tractor- The maintenance crew has been using the new grapple bucket.
- Summer Help- Indoor and especially the outdoor summer help have really stepped up. The campground looks nice. They got the boy scout camp all cleaned up and the bathrooms fixed up. They have been working on cleaning up the brush along the guard rails.
- Water Leak- We are still on the hunt for the water leak. We hope to be able to find the issue within the next few weeks.
- Waiting List- We currently have one open spot and 165 people on the waiting list.
- Camper Appreciation Party- The annual party is scheduled for August 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Angela Verticchio our CPA with Carlinville CPA Group presented financial statements to the Board to discuss the 2024 Audit. After some discussion John Ulery made a motion to approve the 2024 Audit. Hank Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.
- A proposal to discuss increases to certain campground user fees. The Board discussed the fees at this meeting, then will vote on them at the next meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Joe Hogan reported:

- Route 104 Project Update- The crews have completed the stretch south of the truck stop and the Frazee Road jack and bore. They are now headed north on Frazee Road and working on the Interstate 55 bore simultaneously. The project is still on schedule. After they get across the interstate, they will run the line to Pawnee's master meter and come back to do the tie ins at the railroad crossings and across Route 104 to Divernon's master meter.
- Landowner Invasive Species Cutting- A new landowner has bought a property butting up to the lake and would like to continue to clear invasive plant species from the area. The past property owner also cleared Honeysuckle from the area. When an agreement is signed, the homeowner promises to do all the cutting and clearing, while also signing a waiver to do the work on our property. We will monitor progress once work begins to ensure they are performing the work to our agreed upon standards.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Denzel Jines reported:

- Water Quality- June 2025 saw an average lake temp of 71 degrees and an average pH of 8.0. The lake level was recorded at 620'. MIB and Geosmin sample results are listed below. We are currently operating the UV system DIS mode only.
 - MIB and Geosmin Sample Results
 - June 16, 2025, Raw Geosmin 5.6 ng/L
 - June 16, 2025, Raw MIB 20 ng/L
 - June 9, 2025, Raw Geosmin 3.7 ng/L and finished Geosmin <2.0 ng/L
 - June 9, 2025, Raw MIB 29 ng/L and finished MIB 9.5 ng/L
- Solar Bee- Through routine inspections we found a solar bee not spinning. We ordered a motor control box then installed it after receiving it. At the time of writing this, all solar bees are spinning.
- Vac Trailer- While using the vac trailer, we noticed it smoking. It was burning oil. We've sent it back to Vermeer Midwest to check it out. They found a weep hole that was manufactured incorrectly. They are installing a new motor on our unit at their cost.
- Dredge- The crew completed several days of dredging in June. They will be resetting the cables to begin cutting a new path through the sediment. Weather permitting, the crew will be dredging Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- Thayer Tank- The tank was inspected on June 18th. We've heard from Dixon Engineering that there were some spots of corrosion inside the bowl that will require some warranty work. We are still waiting for the report from Dixon Engineering. Once we have that we will be in contact with LC United.
- Distribution System- While Petersburg was boring across the concrete entrance to Circle K on Rt 104 they hit an abandoned service line causing a leak. Our crew worked alongside Petersburg to expose then repair the leak. The bore head ripped the corp. stop in half. We were able to spin the remaining section of the corp. stop out of the main and put a new one in with a copper disc. The service line has been abandoned back to the main.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None to report

At 6:00 pm Dave Skinner made a motion to adjourn. Jake Rettberg 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, August 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Meghan Theel

MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD 8/12/2025