

Otter Lake Water Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

Chairman, Jake Rettberg, with all Commissioners present except, John Gudgel, Larry Mouser, and David Skinner convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included Joe Hogan, Denzel Jines, Shannon Collins, and Laura Sommerfeld.

MINUTES:

Jake Rettberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 10, 2024. John Ulery seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 vote, with Jake Rettberg voting present.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

None present

BILL LIST:

Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$254,461.66 for payment. Jake Rettberg seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for September was \$21,429.37 with a year to date of \$386,886.04.

The total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for September is \$22,928.58. With a total owed to date of \$218,879.57.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:

Shannon Collins reported:

- At the time of writing this report we have 1 open site. Currently there are 152 names on the waiting list.
- Bait shop hours are now Thursday-Monday 7am-3pm. Due to staffing issues. Our long-time bait shop employee Hyler has taken on a new job and will no longer be with us.
- Invoices for the first installment have been sent out and people are starting to pay.
- We had to replace the hot water heater in the second south bathroom.
- There have been a few gatherings around the campground. South side had a big fish fry with music by Hank Greenwalt.
- North side had a luau, with a very nice turn out.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Joe Hogan reported:

Annual Operator Conference- Denzel, Stan, and I attended all 3 days of the IPWSOA Conference in Springfield last month. Many of our operators also attended for 1 day. There were a lot of informative sessions throughout the conference including IEPA regulatory updates, lead and copper rule revisions, and multiple panel discussions.

- **ISAWWA Board of Trustees**- I have almost completed my first 2-year term on the Section's board. Not only have I learned a lot and made many valuable connections, but I also have had the opportunity to provide input in various things affecting the water industry. Because of these things, I will be running for reelection for another 2-year term.
- **Route 104 Update**- We had a pre-bid construction meeting with potential bidders. One contractor did attend. We went through the designs and answered any questions the bidder had. After the meeting, we went to multiple areas in the field to discuss other questions he had. The bid opening will be at our office at 2pm on Wednesday, October 23rd.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Denzel Jines reported:

- **Water Quality**- September 2024 saw an average lake temp of 73 degrees and an average Ph of 8.2. The lake level was recorded at 619'. MIB and Geosmin sample results are listed below. We were operating the UV system in DIS mode only.

MIB and Geosmin Sample Results

September 9, 2024, Raw Geosmin 10.0 ng/L and finished Geosmin <2.0 ng/L

September 9, 2024, Raw MIB 13.0 ng/L and finished MIB 8.4 ng/L

- **Source and Supply**- The crew has moved the guide cables for the dredge to continue dredging. We'll monitor the weather and wrap up dredging for the season when the temperatures near freezing.
- **Treatment Plant**- IEPA conducted a routine triannual sanitary survey. We met with our IEPA point of contact, Mike Dragovich, at the plant and office. We also made site visits to our tanks. IEPA will generate a report summarizing the survey.
- **Distribution System**- We had water main breaks September 16th and September 27th. September 16th the 12" CI main on Palm Rd had a blowout. The crew used a clamp to repair the main. September 27th our 10" CI main on RT 104 had a blowout. The crew used a clamp to repair the main.
- **Hydrant Flushing**- We flushed hydrants September 9th-20th. All hydrants were exercised, oiled, and greased. All were found to be operational.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Skinner and Jake Rettberg will be on the compensation committee again this year. A date will be set soon to start discussing employee contracts and raises.

At 5:50 PM John Ulery made a motion to adjourn. Mike McCarthy 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, November 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Laura Sommerfeld

Approved by Board on 11/12/2024.