

Otter Lake Water Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

Chairman Jake Rettberg with all Commissioners present except, Larry Mouser, John Ulery, and John Gudel, convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included Joe Hogan, Denzel Jines, Dennis Ross, and Meghan Theel.

MINUTES:

Dave Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 11, 2024. Mike McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

None present.

BILL LIST:

Jake Rettberg made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$240,777.88 for payment. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for June was \$31,327.66 with a year to date of \$314,138.05.

The total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for June is \$34,327.66. With a total owed to date of \$79,814.02.

PARK MANAGER`S REPORT:

Dennis Ross reported:

- **Open Sites:** At the time of writing this report we have 2 open sites. Currently there are 145 names on the waiting list.
- **Shower House Incident:** We had an issue with someone from outside of the campground using the Southeast shower house. It was reported to the Macoupin County Sheriff's Office, with the license plate information of the offenders. A deputy contacted the offender. We also added a camera system to the shower house.
- **Boat Parking:** An inventory of boat parking was done by Shannon, letters were sent to anyone without a current boat or trailer parking sticker.
- **Road Maintenance:** The crew continued to make improvements to the entrance road to the West Campground.
- **Camper Appreciation Party:** The camper appreciation party will be on August 24th. This will serve the additional purpose as my official retirement party. Dinner will be at 6:00 and the band will play from

7:00 to 11:00. The Commission will provide fried chicken and dinnerware, campers are asked to bring a covered dish. Of course, the board and all employees are invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report

NEW BUSINESS:

None to report

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Joe Hogan reported:

- **Route 104 Update**- We have not received a letter of commitment yet from the IEPA. The end of their fiscal year was June 30th, so I am expecting something soon. We have received the final easement. I will be recording them all at the courthouse this month.
- **Campground Manager Opening**- The selection committee has been interviewing candidates. We had over 20 applicants and will be interviewing 9. Ideally, we will have someone hired soon and they will start on or before August 1st.
- **Campground and Lake User Fees**- I have a proposal for increases to certain user fees. In the past, the Board has discussed the fees at this meeting, then voted on them at the next meeting, so they will be changed before we send out the next invoices.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Denzel Jines reported:

- **Water Quality**- June 2024 saw an average lake temp of 74 degrees and an average Ph of 8.0. The lake level was recorded at 620'. Full pool. MIB and Geosmin sample results are listed below. We were operating the UV system in DIS mode only.
MIB and Geosmin Sample Results
June 12, 2024, Raw Geosmin 5.0 ng/L and finished Geosmin <2.0 ng/L
June 12, 2024, Raw MIB 5.8 ng/L and finished MIB 5.0 ng/L
June 26, 2024, Raw Geosmin 5.3 ng/L and finished Geosmin <2.0 ng/L
June 26, 2024, Raw MIB 39 ng/L and finished MIB 13 ng/L
- **Source and Supply**- The crew operated the dredged. All operators have been trained in operating the dredge. We are targeting 2-3 days a week of dredging.
- **Treatment Plant**- The crew painted the rafters in the filter room. They cleaned then stripped all loose paint with a wire brush from the rafters before painting.
- **Filters**- A leak was noticed in the surface wash header of filter #3. The crew replaced two nipples on the header and repaired the leak.

- **Distribution System**- We've encountered several unused water services. The crew abandoned 2 of 3 in June on Homestead and Robb St. We are planning on abandoning the third one on Old Indian Tr. in July.
- **Nilwood's New Water Tank**- Nilwood's new water tank has been filled and disinfected. We had new SCADA equipment installed at the new tank. Our crew mounted the antenna and plumbed in the level transducer. ECC did start up on the new SCADA equipment. Sometime in mid-July the old tank will be demolished. Before it is we will pull the old SCADA equipment from the tank old tank.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing to Report.

At 5:52 PM Mike McCarthy made a motion to adjourn. Hank Sutton 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 13, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Meghan Theel

Minutes were approved by the Board 8.13.2024.