

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. at the District office. Additions to the agenda were O & M bills for approval.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Steve Ruppert, Kerry Bertels, Robert Kercher, Brad Huette, Tricia Sisk and Fred Bort were present. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: Seth Elliott from Heneghan's & Assoc. He presented an Engineering Service Agreement for approval and signature to be given to Rural Development for the loan application process.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT AND ALLOW IT TO BE PRESENTED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes of the August 16, 2023 copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The August Treasurer's report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for August \$ 239,674.04, bank interest \$10,554.65, expenses \$256,550.95 and depreciation \$40,255.82 resulting in a loss of \$46,578.08. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY FRED BORT THAT THE AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills for September previously sent to the Board, were presented along with additional bills for discussion and payment approval and questions were answered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY BRAD HUETTE THAT THE SEPTEMBER O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: O & M has a few service leaks, did chemical adjustments, flushing is ongoing. Property owner on Old Bethalto Rd would like the line lowered so he can access his property – cost will be charged to him. Manager providing information to Rural Development as needed.

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Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$224.75	67,600 gal	75.19 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$186.00	50,800 gal	68.27 gal/cn

MANAGER REPORT:

There is an issue with getting our mail from the Alton Post Office. They have returned several customer payments to the customer stating “NSN”- no such number. Manager has spoken with them and we feel the issues have gotten worse over the years so a P O Box in Dorsey was opened to send the payment to.

Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company update – 75% of easements are completed. There are still some hold out but there has been movement by others that were hesitant.

Phase I archaeological study: Larry Conrad has been contacted about doing the study for the project giving a bid of \$65,000 for the whole project. If all entities accept, the total will be divided by the areas of work.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO AGREE TO HIRE LARRY CONRAD FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGY STUDY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Authorization for Manager and/or Secretary to sign application – Rural Development needs two people assigned to complete the remaining application forms. Loan documents will be brought before the board before anything is executed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY TRICIA SISK TO ALLOW THE MANAGER AND SECRETARY TO COMPLETE AND SIGN ANY FORMS NECESSARY FOR THE LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Engineering Fees for Rural Development loan – Fees have gone over the initial quote of \$60k. There is outstanding bills to be paid. The contract amount can be raised or we pay the remaining balance of the \$60k and wait on the rest until the loan is completed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY ROBERT KERCHER TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE INITIAL CONTRACT AND HOLD ON THE REST UNTIL THE LOAN IS COMPLETE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Upgrade existing water main along Old Moro Rd, Loop Rd, and Snake Rd – Manager reports the existing lines are likely to create a problem when the system is reversed and suggests increasing the size of the lines. The total project is 1.8 miles and cost would be approximately \$250k.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO UPGRADE THE LINE ON OLD MORO, LOOP & SNAKE RD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water rate and tap on increase – tabled to next month.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kimberlee J Owens
Secretary