

**Lake in the Hills Sanitary District
Board of Trustees Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

The rescheduled regular meeting was called to order by President Hansen at 7:00pm at the Sanitary District offices located at 515 Plum Street. Roll call was answered by President Eric Hansen and Trustee Jessica Reed. Trustee Russ Ruzanski attended the meeting via telephone, and therefore, will not be voting on any items. The meeting will proceed as there is a quorum physically present.

Also in attendance at the Sanitary District offices were District Manager Tamara Mueller, Assistant District Manager Mike Nelson, Engineer Bob Doeringsfeld of Applied Technologies and District Treasurer/Clerk Karen Thompson. District Attorney Ann Williams of Storino, Ramello & Durkin attended the meeting remotely via WebEx.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by President Hansen to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 20, 2022 as presented. On a roll call vote, President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Public Comments:

None.

Consent Agenda:

None.

Specific Agenda:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

District Treasurer presented final written copies of the January 2022 Treasurer's reports and provided a verbal summary of some of the receipts and expenses.

District Treasurer also reminded the Board that in March it will be time for the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes.

Motion was made by President Hansen, seconded by Trustee Reed, to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's reports. On a roll call vote President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Approval of Bills:

District Treasurer presented a list of bills for approval. She highlighted some of the bills that were atypical or higher than usual.

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Motion was made by President Hansen and seconded by Trustee Reed to approve the List of Bills for payment totaling \$211,687.37 of which \$35,536.98 is from the Governmental Fund, \$126,028.79 is from the Operations and Maintenance Fund, \$50,121.60 is from the Construction Fund, and \$0.00 is from the Bond and Interest Fund.

The motion passed after a roll call vote; President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Manager's Report:

District Manager presented a written copy of the January 2022 Manager's Report and a copy of the 2021 Annual Manager's report. She also provided a verbal summary of each.

There were two emergency call outs in January and neither were the District's issue.

Grease trap inspections have been going well and are almost completed. As a result of this program we have noticed less grease in some of the lift stations.

District Manager attended an HR webinar on January 19th.

As noted on the Annual Manager's Report, the municipal water treatment discharge that we received in 2020 & 2021 was exactly the same and is not a typo.

This year we are really hoping to see a reduction in the sludge processing as a result of all of the operational changes that have been made.

Most of the overtime on the annual report is from holiday and weekend rounds and not from emergency situations.

The economic interest statements will be due on May 1st. In March, the County should be sending out notifications of this.

We have received our fiscal year end 2022 audit agreement for President Hansen to sign. The price has increased by \$750.00, but is still well within the price range of other quotes we have received in the past.

We also have an EDMR (Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report) permission form for President Hansen to sign. This is so that our new operator can complete these reports for the IEPA.

The District had a gas leak a few weeks ago from a failure in an underground service line. Nicor was called. The leak was outside, so it did not disrupt plant operations. Kresmery Construction repaired the service line the next morning.

Motion was made by President Hansen and seconded by Trustee Reed to approve the Manager's report. The motion passed after a roll call vote; President Hansen and Trustee Reed voted aye.

Engineer's Report:

Bob Doeringsfeld of Applied Technologies provided a written report and a verbal summary of some of the items that they are currently working on. These items are as follows:

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- 1) Barium Discharge Limits – District Staff and ATI continue to work with the Village of Lake in the Hills regarding the barium issue. At the meeting held on January 18th it was agreed that the District would investigate the use of alum to treat the barium. ATI is working on developing a local limit as well as a limit for treatment of backwash discharged into the sanitary sewer system.
- 2) Treatment Plant Pavement –ATI gave District Manager a couple copies of the plans for her to review. They have also given her some information on a product for erosion control.
- 3) Holding Tank Refurbishment Project – No updates were provided.

President Hansen had a question regarding the local limit for barium. Engineer Doeringsfeld provided detail.

Attorney's Report:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

District Manager discussed a potential water shed plan for the creek that runs along the west and south border of our facility. The District may qualify for grant money which could cover 60% of the total cost. Estimates are that this improvement project could cost around \$1 million. The District Manager and staff from RES (Resource Environmental Solutions) have walked the creek and found that the quality is not very good. For a couple thousand dollars RES could put together a plan with costs and what the grant would cover. District Manager was seeking input from the Trustees whether this is something we should pursue.

Trustee Reed had a question regarding the need for the project. Trustee Ruzanski provided insight from his experience at the Village of Lake in the Hills where they did the Woods Creek restoration project. District Manager added that from an environmental standpoint it would be better for the creek and wildlife if it were improved. Currently some of the houses that back up to the creek are using pieces of wood where the banks have eroded in an effort to mitigate flood control. There are a couple of homes who actually own part of the creek, with the District owning the rest. If the project is pursued we would reach out to those residents regarding their participation.

Engineer Doeringsfeld also indicated that this project may also qualify for an IEPA low interest loan. The recent federal spending programs have added over \$547 million in additional funds to the IEPA loan program of which 49% is for principal forgiveness or additional grant money.

Trustees concurred that the District should move forward with getting pricing to see how much it would cost for RES to put together the initial plan.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, President Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed after a verbal vote. All Board members who were present voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Thompson,
District Clerk

APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2022.



President Hansen