

**Lake in the Hills Sanitary District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2025**

Roll Call:

The regular meeting was called to order by President Jessica Reed at 7:00pm at the Sanitary District offices located at 515 Plum Street. Roll call was answered by President Jessica Reed, Trustee Matt Irsay and Trustee Robert Reining. Also in attendance at the Sanitary District offices were District Manager Tamara Mueller, District Engineer Bob Doeringsfeld of Applied Technologies and District Attorney Ann Williams of Storino, Ramello & Durkin. District Treasurer/Clerk Karen Thompson attended via Zoom. Assistant District Manager, Mike Nelson, was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Trustee Reining, seconded by Trustee Irsay, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2025 as presented. On a roll call vote, President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining voted aye.

Public Comments:

None.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Task Order No. 25-01 in the amount of \$13,700 for Engineering Services related to the lining of VCP sewers tributary to the Dam Lift Station.

Motion was made by Trustee Irsay, seconded by Trustee Reining to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Item A). On a roll call vote, President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining voted aye to approve Task Order No. 25-01.

Specific Agenda:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

District Treasurer presented final written copies of the January 2025 Treasurer's reports and verbally provided additional detail.

She highlighted some of the receipts and expenses on each of the reports. She further added that we received the connection fee from Arden Rose for building #2.

Motion was made by Trustee Irsay and seconded by Trustee Reining to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's reports as presented. On a roll call vote, President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining voted aye.

Approval of Bills:

District Treasurer presented a list of bills for approval. She highlighted some of the bills that we see less frequently, as well as those for higher dollar amounts. She also provided an explanation on the invoice from Illinois Public Risk Fund for audited premiums due.

Motion was made by Trustee Irsay and seconded by Trustee Reining to approve the List of Bills as presented. The total approved for payment is \$153,749.76 of which \$37,294.65 is from the Governmental Funds, \$110,205.11 is from the

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Operations and Maintenance Funds, \$6,250.00 is from the Construction Funds, and \$0.00 is from the Bond and Interest Funds.

The motion passed after a roll call vote; President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining voted aye to approve the list of bills as presented.

Manager's Report:

District Manager presented a written copy of the January 2025 Manager's report and a written copy of the Annual Manager's Report. She verbally provided some detail on each of the reports.

She highlighted the following items from the January 2025 Manager's Report:

- January was a quiet month and the plant is running well.
- The creek rehabilitation project has started. We did get one complaint about the burning of the brush. The tree and brush clearing will be done by April 1st and the entire project should be done by the fall.

She highlighted the following items from the Annual Manager's Report:

- There were only 4 connections in 2024; Starbucks, the new police station and 2 residences in Boulder Ridge.
- The solids handling decreased in 2024. However, due to the 41.5% rate increase from Synagro, our total expenses went up.
- Septage volume was almost the same as in 2023, but revenue was higher due to the rate increase we implemented.
- Overtime was about the same as in 2023.
- We received about 20" more rain in 2024 than in 2023.

She further added that the County has sent out email reminders to complete your Economic Interest Statement.

Lastly, she is getting quotes from Xylem to replace our Hydromatic pumps with their non-clogging pumps. There is some discussion taking place about switching from 85hp to 60hp pumps.

Motion was made by Trustee Irsay, seconded by Trustee Reining, to approve the January 2025 Manager's report and the Annual Manager's report as presented. On a roll call vote, President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining voted aye.

Engineer's Report:

District Engineer Bob Doeringsfeld provided a written report and a verbal summary of the projects that they are working on.

These projects are as follows:

1. McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Randall Road Project – There are no updates at this time. We are waiting on the contractor's proposed design change and the potential effects of those changes. The IGA indicated we would pay 95% within 60 days. However, we haven't received those numbers yet. There is no construction schedule, but utility construction is expected to start in April.
2. District Sanitary Sewer Lining – The contractor has agreed to pay the resident of 1514 Adams Street for the outstanding damages. The District Engineer anticipates that he will have a pay request for the outstanding retention ready for the March meeting.

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3. Nature Edge Townhomes Review – An applicant submitted a 48-unit townhome development on Miller Road. The District provided a review and presented it to the applicant as a full connection fee instead of breaking it down by phase.
4. Village Projects – There are no updates.

Attorney’s Report:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Closed Session:

Trustee Irsay made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss items related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Trustee Reining seconded the motion. The Board entered closed session at 7:32pm.

The Closed Session Was Adjourned and The Open Session was Resumed at 7:43pm

Additional New Business:

Board consideration and decision of Employee’s request for payment of continued health insurance benefits following retirement (Request of J. Stahlberg dated January 23, 2025).

Motion was made by Trustee Irsay, seconded by Trustee Reining to decline the Employee’s request for continuation of District paid health insurance benefits following retirement. On a roll call vote, President Reed and Trustees Irsay and Reining vote aye to decline the Employee’s request.

Adjournment:

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


The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

KT

Karen Thompson,
District Clerk

APPROVED this 20th day of March, 2025.



President Reed