



NORTHERN MORAIN WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

113 Timber Trail, Island Lake, Illinois 60042

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2023

Present in person: Trustees: Timothy Brunn, Ken Michaels, John Ragland, Caretina Tellez
District Manager: Mohammed Haque; District Clerk: Elisa Fisher; District Attorney Bob Pickrell; Scott Trotter, Trotter & Associates

Guests Present: Island Lake Resident Donald Saville

President Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Present
John Ragland – Present
Caretina Tellez – Present
Ken Michaels – Present

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Island Lake Resident Donald Saville read a letter he wrote to the Board. Mr. Saville stated that his water bill for the quarter was much less than his sewer bill. He stated that it was unfair that the bill was so high. He stated that under the Districts current billing system those that use less sewage are being penalized. Mr. Saville concluded that he wanted a response in writing to address the unfairness.

4. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting March 14, 2023

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 14, 2023, as presented.
2nd by Mr. Ragland

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

District President Michaels stated that the Board would wait on Agenda Item 5, Oath's of Office, as District Manager Mohammed Haque went to make copies. Trustee Ragland suggested the Board move to Agenda Item 6 Treasurer's Report. With no objections, the Board moved on. District President Michael's suggest that the Board continue to Agenda Item's: 8 Trustee Reports, 9 Legal Business report, 12 Miscellaneous Correspondence, and 13 Approval of Bills.

5. OATH OF OFFICE:

Having been duly reappointed by the Appointing Authorities, Caretina Tellez took the oath of office as District Trustee for the term beginning May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2026.

Having been duly reappointed by the Appointing Authorities, Kenneth A. Michaels, Jr. took the oath of office as District Trustee for the term beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025.



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6. TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2023

Motion by Mr. Ragland to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2023, as presented.

2nd by Mr. Brunn

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

7. MANAGER'S REPORT: District Manager Haque stated that the District was successful in obtaining more grants and that the District would be applying for a few other grants. He stated that the District was working on the Advocate plan review and wrapping up the review for Beech Street. District Manager Haque also advised that the District was interviewing for Summer interns. President Michaels confirmed with District Manager Haque that the District's winter interns already obtained jobs. Mr. Ragland asked what schools the interviewees came from. District Manager Haque stated 3 interns are from UIC and one is from Iowa State.

8. TRUSTEE REPORTS: None

9. LEGAL BUSINESS: None

10. OLD BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approve Pay Request #11 and Change Order #5 by Trine for the Holiday Hills Project

Motion by Mr. Ragland to approve Pay Request #11 in the amount of \$506,438.30 to Trine Construction and approve Change Order #5 for a credit of \$14,000.00 for the Holiday Hills / Le Villa Vaupell Sewer Extension-Phase 1 Project.

2nd by Mr. Brunn

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

b. Approve an Agreement with Constellation Energy for Natural Gas

Motion by Mr. Brunn to approve an Agreement with Constellation Energy for Natural Gas.

2nd by Trustee Caretina Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED



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c. Approve an Agreement with Lincoln Avenue Capital for the Beech Street Senior Lofts

Motion by Mr. Ragland to approve a Resolution approving agreement pertaining to Connection Fees (Lofts Senior Living Facility).

2nd by Mr. Brunn

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

d. Approve Addendum to the IGA with the Village of Lakemoor for the Expansion of Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure

Motion by Mr. Ragland to approve a Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lakemoor for the Expansion of Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure to the Lakemoor Commons Subdivision. Trustee Brunn asked if there were any issues with the pending items for Woodman’s closeout. Mr. Haque indicated that documents have been received and he anticipated that things would go smoothly from this point forward.

2nd by Mrs. Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

e. Approve Resolution Adjusting the Compensation for Trustees per Sanitary District Act of 1917

Motion by Mr. Brunn to approve a Resolution setting forth the Compensation for the District Board of Trustees.

2nd by Mrs. Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED



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f. Approval of Agreement with Bartlett Durand for Nutrient Trading Consulting

Motion by Mrs. Tellez to approve an Agreement with Bartlett Durand for Consulting and Negotiation Services regarding Nutrient Trading for Phosphorus and Nitrogen. Mr. Haque gave the background on the work to date and why it was beneficial to bring on Mr. Durand for three months to get this agreement completed with IEPA. 2nd by Mr. Brunn

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

g. Authorization to Dispose of Records per State Statute

Motion by Mr. Brunn to approve the Initiation of the Records Disposal Process for those items listed on Application No. 05:289
2nd by Mr. Ragland

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

h. Connection Fee Analysis – Presentation by Scott Trotter.

Informational only – no Board action taken. Mr. Trotter told the Board that there was a memo explaining the history of the District’s connection fees. Mr. Trotter explained the flows into the facility and what the capacity was. He also stated that it is going to be necessary for the District to start looking to expand. He stated that the whole expansion should take about 4 years with planning taking 1 year. The last facility plan was done in 2014 and there have been many projects since that time. Mr. Haque explained that he felt that the District should first update it’s facility plan to get a firm handle on all it’s capital need and then revisit the connection fee analysis once that was complete. This would allow us to work with the Villages on population projections and needs prior to imposing connection fee adjustments.

12. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None



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13. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Brunn to approve payment of bills for April 20, 2023, as presented, in the amount of \$1,123,336.09.

2nd by Mrs. Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

14. OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Unanimously approved on a voice vote

NM's Meeting - THURS - 4/28/23 @ 1930

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE BOARD -
WHY IS ISLAND LK - BEING BILLED
UN-FAIRLY - FOR THE USE OF DISTRICT SEWAGE?

ISLAND LK RESIDENTS - ARE BILLED
A FLAT DOLLAR RATE OF \$42⁵⁵ A MONTH -
WHICH IS "NOT EQUAL" - TO WATER USAGE -
THIS FLAT RATE SYSTEM - IS NOTHING MORE -
THAN UN-FAIR - NOT TO MENTION "CONTROLLING!"

AS AN EXAMPLE: MY WATER BILL
FOR THE 1/4 - WAS LESS THAN \$80⁰⁰ - YET -
I PAID YOU \$128⁰⁰ - FOR THE SAME 1/4.

THE RESIDENTS - I'VE SPOKE TO - HAD NO
IDEA - THEY WERE BILLED MORE FOR SEWAGE -
THAN WATER USAGE. HOW MANY PEOPLE
DO YOU THINK COMPARE - A MONTHLY BILL
TO A 1/4ly BILL. I WOULD BELIEVE NOT
TO MANY.

UNDER YOUR CURRENT BILLING SYSTEM -
THOSE USING LESS SEWAGE - ARE CARRYING - THOSE
WHO USE MORE SEWAGE.

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In Closing: IF A PERSON DESIRES TO LOWER THEIR WATER BILL - THEY HAVE THE OPTION TO USE LESS WATER - IT'S UNDER THEIR CONTROL!

NM's Fixed Monthly Rate - is AT YOUR CONTROL - TO REGULATE A "MONOPOLY" - AS IF ONE SIZE FITS ALL.

IT WOULD ALSO SEEM - NM IS NOT FOLLOWING - THEIR ORDINANCE 14-2 DATED: JAN-14-2014 OR THEIR FUTURE ORDINANCE 23-02 DATED: MARCH-11-2023 TO GO INTO EFFECT - MAY-1-2023

SECTIONS 2.1, 2.1.1 & 2.1.1.A - STATES:
"RECORDED BY APPROVED WATER METERS" USAGE OF A MONTHLY DOLLAR AMOUNT IS NEVER MENTIONED. "EXCEPT" - EXHIBIT - A A = FLAT MONTHLY DOLLAR RATE!

WOULD BE OUT OF LINE - IF I SAID YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS - "YET YOU DO"

I WOULD LIKE YOUR RESPONSE IN WRITING - AND NOT ONE OF A VERBAL NATURE.

SAVILLE