



NORTHERN MORAIN WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

113 Timber Trail, Island Lake, Illinois 60042

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2024

Present in person: **Trustees:** John Ragland, Caretina Tellez, Ken Michaels
Absent: Timothy Brunn
District Clerk: Elisa Fisher
District Manager: Mohammed Haque

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Absent
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:** None

4. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting, September 9, 2024

Motion by Trustee Tellez to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 11, 2024, as presented.
2nd by Trustee Ragland

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

b. Regular Meeting, September 9, 2024

Motion by Trustee Tellez to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 7, 2024, as presented.
2nd by Trustee Ragland

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2024

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trustee Tellez.

Motion by Trustee Tellez to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2024, as presented.

2nd by Trustee Ragland

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED



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6. **MANAGER'S REPORT: None**

7. **TRUSTEE REPORTS: None**

8. **LEGAL BUSINESS: None**

9. **OLD BUSINESS: None**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. 2025 NMWRD Board Meeting Dates

Motion by President Michaels to adopt the Calendar Year 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District Board of Trustees.

2nd by Trustee Ragland

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

b. 2025 NMWRD Holiday Dates

Motion by Trustee Tellez to adopt the Calendar Year 2025 Holiday Schedule for the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District.

2nd by Trustee Ragland

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

c. Payment Request #4 – Holiday Hills /Le Villa Vaupell Sewer Extension Project – Phase 2

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$510,085.70 to Trine Construction for the Holiday Hills / Le Villa Vaupell Sewer Extension – Phase 2 Project.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED



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d. Semi-Annual Review and Approval of the District's Strategic Plan

Motion by Trustee Ragland to review and adopt the Strategic Plan

2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

a. NMWRD Staff Holiday Party – Dock's – Wauconda, IL – Friday, December 20, 2024

12. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve payment of bills for December 9, 2024, as presented, in the amount of \$779,505.16.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

13. OTHER BUSINESS: None

Regular Session ended at 7:52 pm
Executive Session began at 7:53 pm
Executive Session ended at 8:18 pm
Regular Session reconvened at 8:20 pm

President Michaels stated that no Board action was taken in the Executive Session concerning the renewal of District Manager Haque's contract and bonuses for Northern Moraine staff or on the Class Action Lawsuit.

Motion by President Michaels to authorize the District Manager to make decisions on end of year performance based employee bonuses up to the amount of \$5000.

2nd by Trustee Ragland

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

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Motion by President Michaels to approve the bonus for the District Manager at the rate discussed.

2nd by Mr. Ragland

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

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The Board discussed the possibility of engaging the law firm of Bauch & Michaels, LLC to represent the District in a civil antitrust class action relating to PVC manufacturers and distributors on a purely contingent-fee basis. District President Michaels disclosed that he is a principal of Bauch & Michaels, LLC, and that he would be abstaining from any vote relating to the engagement of his firm. He also noted that, because any representation would be based on a contingent fee arrangement, the District would neither pay nor be obligated to pay anything to his law firm, as any fees would only be paid in the event of, and out of amounts received as, a judgment in the case. The board discussed the merits of the case and the considerable amount of PVC pipe that has been purchased on the Holiday Hills project.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to authorize the District Manager to to authorize District Manager Haque to enter into a representation agreement, on a contingency basis, on behalf of the District with Bauch & Michaels, LLC regarding the PVC class action lawsuit. 2nd by Ms. Tellez

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

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ragland to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Unanimously approved on a voice vote