



NORTHERN MORAIN WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

113 Timber Trail, Island Lake, Illinois 60042

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024

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

Guests: Margaret Rider, Representative for State Representative Martin McLaughlin

President Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Margaret Rider, Representative for State Representative Martin McLaughlin advised the Board that she was present at the Board meeting to provide information on behalf of Representative Martin McLaughlin. Ms. Rider stated that Representative McLaughlin had resources available at his local office in Lake Barrington (28662 West NW Highway Suite A). She left informational brochures to hand out to residents.

4. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting, June 11, 2024

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for month ending May 31, 2024

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trustee Tellez.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2024, as presented.
2nd by Trustee Brunn

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED



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6. MANAGER'S REPORT: Trustee Ragland asked District Manager Haque if the District had additional raw pumps since one wasn't working properly. District Manager Haque advised that the District had 3 additional working pumps. Trustee Ragland stated that the District is receiving steady income from the septage hauls. Trustee Ragland asked District Manager Haque if the District's trailer is still onsite in Holiday Hills, District Manager Haque stated that it is at the plant and not on site. Trustee Ragland also asked about easements from Lakemoor. District Manager Haque stated that the District was working on an Easement GIS system project and had discovered that a lot of easements need to be located.

7. TRUSTEE REPORTS: None

8. LEGAL BUSINESS: None

9. OLD BUSINESS: President Michaels instructed District Manager Haque provide a total dollar amount of the legal fees that the District has paid the District's attorney regarding Mr. Saville's persistent and non-stop FOIA requests. President Michaels advised that the last time he was informed of the legal fees, the total amount had surpassed \$50,000.00.

President Michaels requested that District Manager Haque provide a new agenda item for approval at the next board meeting, specifically a new Ordinance imposing a surcharge of \$10.00 a month to Island Lake residents. This surcharge will be known as the Saville charge. The Saville surcharge will reimburse the District for the legal fees that have been incurred. President Michaels advised the Board that per the June 13th Village of Island Lake's minutes, the Village had set up a platform for Mr. Saville to report on his constant FOIA requests and his theories on how he and the village have been harmed by the District. As the village's minutes reflected that the village attorney, David McArdle, had requested the board of trustees' consent to assist Mr. Saville with his efforts against the District. The Village of Island Lake's minutes also reflected that they were going to allow Mr. Saville to present his allegations against the District last week at a board meeting, however Mr. Saville did not appear at the board meeting for unknown reasons.

Trustee Ragland suggested that President Michaels reach out to Mayor Richard McLaughlin to explain the situation and come to an understanding of what is occurring here. President Michaels responded that he did not think this would be effective, noting that our state representatives and senators do not want to be dragged into intra-district municipal and special district conflicts. Trustee Ragland also expressed concern over how the surcharge would be assessed and if all Island Lake residents should incur the cost.

Trustee Brunn stated that he was concerned with charging the residents of Island Lake and suggested that the District charge the Village of Island Lake for the fees that have been incurred. District Manager Haque stated that as of this moment all the District's residents are paying for the legal fees that are being incurred by Mr. Saville's requests. Trustee Ashley asked if it is legal to separate the residents of Island Lake from the other residents that are being billed. President Michaels advised that the District's attorney stated the District could surcharge only Island Lake residents for costs incurred only for Island Lake concerns. Trustee Ashley asked if the District would send a letter to residents explaining why they would be getting a surcharge, President Michaels stated that the District would take the necessary steps to inform residents. Trustee Ragland stated that if Mr. Saville is affecting the District's residents and the District, everyone is hurting from the disruption.

District Manager Haque reiterated to the Board that he is going to get a new agenda item for the next Board meeting and gather information from the District's Attorney on the Saville surcharge and report back to the board.



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10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public Hearing on the FY 2024-25 Appropriations Ordinance

President Michaels called to order a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024-2025 Appropriation Ordinance at 7:55 pm. There were no public comments concerning this proposed ordinance. President Michaels made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:55 pm.

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

b. Adoption of Ordinance #24-03, FY 2024-25 Appropriation Ordinance

Trustee Ragland asked if the Bonds in the Alternate Bond & Interest Fund are callable. President Michaels stated that bonds are callable at a certain age. District Manager Haque stated that he would need to check if the Bonds are but advised that there are two different types of Bonds. Trustee Ragland wanted to make sure that the District isn't losing money on the Bonds.

Motion by Trustee Tellez to adopt Ordinance #24-03 setting the Annual Appropriation for the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District for the Fiscal Year ending on April 30, 2025.

2nd by Trustee Brunn

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

c. Adoption of a Resolution Designating Surplus Equipment and Authorizing Disposal through Auction

Motion by Trustee Ashley to adopt a Resolution designating the items listed on Exhibit A as Surplus Equipment to be sold through an on-line auction administered by Obenauf Auction Services, Inc.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

d. Approval of Payment Request #2 and Change Order #5 – Control Building Electrical Upgrades

District Manager Haque advised the Board that Pieper Electric had \$201,000 in liquidated damages and that the project came in under the bid price by \$150,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$293,802.35 and Change Order #5 for a credit of (\$68,479.32) to Pieper Electric, Inc. for the Control Building Electrical Upgrades Project.

2nd by Trustee Ashley



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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

e. Semi-Annual Review and Approval of the District’s Strategic Plan

Trustee Ragland stated that he would like the wording on one of the facts under 2023 changed: “Secured a \$3,500,000 grant from Representative Bill Foster for the Holiday Hills project. The approved amount was reduced to \$959,752 through the congressional process.” District Manager Haque stated that he would look it over and change it.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to adopt the Strategic Plan.
2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

a. MCGG Membership Mtg – Sunnyside Park, Johnsburg, IL – July 24, 2024

12. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve payment of bills for July 9, 2024, as presented, in the amount of \$498,826.16

2nd by Trustee Tellez

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

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

13. OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.
Unanimously approved on a voice vote