

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING**  
**April 16, 2025**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. at the District office. Additions to the agenda were O & M bills for approval.

Roll was called with the following board members present: Steve Strohbeck, Steve Ruppert, Kerry Bertels, Robert Kercher, Brad Huette, and Tricia Sisk were present. Fred Bort was absent. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: None

The minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE SECONDED BY BOB KERCHER  
THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The March Treasurer's report, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for March \$292,670.50, bank interest \$16,705.88, expenses \$325,420.00 and depreciation \$38,890.37 resulting in a profit of \$33,958.70. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KERRY BERTELS AND SECONDED BY STEVE  
RUPPERT THAT THE MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS  
PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report previously sent to the Board, was presented for discussion and approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB KERCHER AND SECONDED BY BRAD  
HUETTE THAT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills for April previously sent to the Board, were presented along with additional bills for discussion and payment approval and questions were answered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY BOB  
KERCHER THAT THE APRIL O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  
AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer asked permission to pay vendors electronically if possible due postal delays.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRICIA SISK AND SECONDED BY KERRY  
BERTELS TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TO ANY VEDOR. MOTION  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: O&M worked on GPSing meters, leaks, adjusting chlorine due to river levels and UCMR5 quarterly test.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$106.25	39,600 gal	93.17 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$129.25	23,400 gal	45.26 gal/cn

MANAGER REPORT:

Discussion on upcoming rate increase – manager suggests 10.25%. Anticipation of Alluvial coming on line 2028/2029. Snake Road creek washed out and broke line. Permanent repair will cost \$75k which involves moving the line across the road and applying for grant. A tree branch hit the neighbor's house to the north of the field near the maintenance building. Insurance was notified and the tree has been removed. South Dustman paperwork is submitted.

**USDA Rural Development loan** – Only 4 easements left. Should have paperwork to Jose in May/June.

**Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company update** – Phase 1A is out for bid and due back May 15<sup>th</sup>. An Arbitration Agreement has been drafted for the companies contracted to buy water.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB KERCHER AND SECONDED BY TRICIA SISK TO APPROVE THE ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

STRAUBE LANE DEVELOPMENT – There is currently one customer at the property in the 1400 block of Straube Ln and another 3 proposed tap ons but the line needs to be extended. Cost is expected to be \$16,243. Manager proposes the \$4,500 plus tap on fee. Could be completed in the fall.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE RUPPERT AND SECONDED BY BOB KERCHER TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF LINE TO ACCOMADATE 3 MORE CUSTOMERS AT 1400 BLOCK OF STRAUBE LN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Kimberlee J Owens*  
Secretary/Treasurer