

**FOSTERBURG WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES – BOARD MEETING  
August 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the District Board was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 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, Tricia Sisk and Fred Bort were present. Also present were Mark Voumard and Kim Owens.

DELGATIONS: none

The minutes of the July 19, 2023 copies of which had been forwarded to the Board, were reviewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER SECONDED BY STEVE RUPPERT THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY MEETING BE APPROVED WITH ONE CORRECTION TO BRAD HUETTE NAME'S UNDER THE TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The July Treasurer's report, copy of which had been forwarded to the Board, was reviewed and questions answered. Income reported for July \$253,966.09, bank interest \$9,783.57, expenses \$288,057.09 and depreciation \$40,255.82 resulting in a loss of \$64,563.25. Transfers among accounts for the months were also reported.

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

Secretary asked permission to pay utilities online through the bank due to dates not lining up and mail taking too long to deliver the payments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT KERCHER AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO ALLOW THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY MONTHLY UTILITIES ONLINE IN ORDER TO AVOID LATE FEES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O & M bills for August 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 TRICIA SISK THAT THE AUGUST O & M BILLS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHECKS BE ISSUED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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OLD BUSINESS

WORK REPORT: Main break in Midway; few service leaks. The pump parts were shipped but we'll wait until it cools off to do the repairs as to not overload the system.

Bulk Load Report:

Culp Lane	\$224.75	67,600 gal	75.19 gal/cn
Prairietown	\$186.00	50,800 gal	68.27 gal/cn

MANAGER REPORT:

Woodburn changes made cycling the water easier. Snake Rd grant – paperwork ongoing.

Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company Meeting update – 39% of easements are completed. Manager reported it was time to contribute 25% of funds to Alluvial to help with funding.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY TRICIA SISK TO PAY \$333,000 TO THE ILLINOIS ALLUVIAL REGIONAL WATER COMPANY FROM THE LOAN FUNDS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

*Discussion and authorization to seek funding from USA Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (RD) in the amount of \$4,150,000+/- of which \$4,123,000 +/- will be loan/grant from RD and \$27,000 +/- from Fosterburg Water District. Said funding is for the expansion of the water system to include unserved areas east of Bunker Hill and distribution modifications to get water to the new service area and for future water source from Illinois Alluvial Regional Water Company.*

Seth was present from Heneghan and Assoc to discuss the loan/grant options from Rural Development. FWD was pre-approved to make a full application for USDA Grant/Funding. They asked for more information on the customers vs. usage. Michelle is from the housing department and recently moved to the Water/Waste Water department and is not as familiar with the process so we are working to get her as much information as possible in order to get the paperwork to underwriting. We will have to host a public meeting next month to inform the customer of the opportunity.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAD HUETTE AND SECONDED BY KERRY BERTELS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LOAN/GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE USDA/RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDS TO CONVERT THE SYSTEM AND TAP ON TO ALLUVIAL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Kimberlee J Owens*  
Secretary