

Otter Lake Water Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

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MINUTES:

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Terry Davis made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the meeting on November 12, 2024. David Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-2 vote, with Mike McCarthy and Jake Rettberg voting present.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:

None present.

BILL LIST:

Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$293,852.24 for payment. Larry Mouser seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

RECREATION:

Park Financial Report:

Total income for November was \$64,463.09 with a year to date of \$602,063.36.

The total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for November is \$17,365.79. With a total owed to date of \$56,791.92.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Denzel Jines presented the 2025 Budget to the Board for approval. After some discussion David Skinner made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget as presented. Mike McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Denzel Jines reported:

- **Route 104 Update-** We have submitted all the necessary paperwork to the IEPA for contractor approval and bid award. We need to wait for their approval before we finally award the bid/project. We are still hoping for construction to start in the first half of next year.

- **Campground**- The gates have been closed for the season. During these winter months, I take over for Shannon giving Austin and Morgan projects and daily duties to complete. These projects vary from splitting wood and cutting down trees to repainting picnic tables and completing maintenance items on equipment.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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- **Water Quality**- November 2024 saw an average lake temp of 57 degrees and an average Ph of 8.0. The lake level was recorded at 619'. MIB and Geosmin sample results are listed below. We were operating the UV system in DIS mode only.

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- **Solar Bee**- The crew found a solar bee not spinning. We ordered a battery. The crew pulled the solar bee out of the water to replace the battery. They got the solar bee back into position the same day. All solar bees are functioning normally.
- **Raw Water Pump # 3**- The work to have the raw water pump installed has been rescheduled. Installation should occur in December.
- **Winterization**- The crew has winterized everything of ours that required it in preparation for the cooler weather. Included on the list were the plant, intake, chemical feed rooms, pump houses, and all our equipment for main breaks.
- **Distribution System**- All our residential meter pits have been GPS located. The crew has moved onto locating our water mains. The crew has located the two 12" transmission mains in the fields to the north and south of Cemetery Rd just outside of Virden. They have collected 58 GP points so far.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None reported.

At 5:38 pm David Skinner made a motion to adjourn. John Gudgel seconded the motion. With no further business to discuss the meeting was unanimously adjourned. The next Commission Meeting will be at the Commission Office - 6475 W Montgomery Road in Virden on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM

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