Otter Lake Water Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Chairman Jake Rettberg with all Commissioners present except David Skinner and Fred Fickas convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included; Dennis Ross, Bob Dill, Tom Moroney and Andrea Hanney.

MINUTES:
Ron Jombock made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 10, 2018. Mike McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:
None Present

BILL LIST:
Ron Jombock made a motion to approve the bills totaling $286,972.77 for payment. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

RECREATION:
Park Financial Report:
Total income for April was $121,245.13 with a year to date of $146,111.65. Total monthly expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for April is $15,385.52. With a total owed to date of $0.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:
Tom Moroney reported:

- The second installment of Lot Lease fees was due on May 1st. We had two non-renewals who gave up their sites, leaving us with three vacancies to show,
- The covered boat slips are full. All slips are filled with annual lessees. We have two lifts on order which should arrive soon.
- Weather was a little more cooperative for a bass tournament that was held on April 28.

  1st Place winners weigh in four fish for a total of 20.74 lbs.

  2nd Place: 5 fish at 18.43 lbs.

  3rd Place: 5 fish at 16.81 lbs.
- Brian and Jerry poured concrete pads for the overnight camping sites #1 and #2 to level out the sites and make them more desirable. We will do the same for site #3.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The board discussed establishing the tap fee to install new water service on Cemetery Road. Ron Jombock made a motion to apply the existing tap fee of $1500. John Gudgel seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

- The board discussed the option of changing the start time of the regular Commission meetings. After a brief discussion the board decided the meeting time would remain the same.

- Dennis Ross presented information to the board regarding the rental of non-motorized watercraft, such as canoes and kayaks, at the park. After some discussion, John Gudgel made a motion to implement the rental of non-motorized watercraft at the park. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Ross reported:

- 319 Grant – The newly constructed ponds are full and performing well. There is one remaining pond to be built in this grant. Application has been made for the Army Corp of Engineers permit for the shoreline work. The final Watershed Plan has been printed. The plan will be used in writing future grants.

- RCPP – The RCPP is a painfully slow process. While the terms are being worked out with NRCS we continue to look into a monitoring plan.

- Pawnee Power Plant – At this time it appears this power plant will be built. Conversations are still taking place working out the details of utilities.

- AWWA Fly-In – I was unable to attend the Fly-In this year. We were able to cancel my room reservations and my flight. However, there was a cancelation fee of $200.

- Palm Road Water Main Project – The survey work is complete and the permit applications should be complete May 15th.

- Midwest Drought Early Warning System – I have been asked to attend the DEWS Communication Team workshop in Champaign. This workshop will detail the communication scheme in the event of an upcoming drought. Along with the water plant superintendent from CWLP, we will offer input as to the value of this program to water systems in Illinois.

- Highland Solar Bees – Bob and I will be looking at some used Solar Bees in Highland. They will need extensive repairs. At this point they are requesting we make an offer for them.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Bob Dill reported:

- Water Quality – We have started lake overflow. PH has taken a sudden jump to 8.6-8.8.

- #1 Filter Wash Pipe Project – We cleaned and painted our water pipe for filter #1.

- Barge Maintenance Work – We have been working on the barge. Our summer rip rap person is scheduled to start May 29th.

- Mowing Season – Our summer mowing person is scheduled to start May 21st.

- Cemetery Road Water Main Project – The water main project is underway.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The annual lake tour meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Otter Lake Water Commission Maintenance Facility – 13812 Emmerson Airline Rd, Girard, IL 62640.

At 6:14pm pm Mike McCarthy 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, June 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Andrea Hanney

These Minutes were approved by the 6/12/2018.