Otter Lake Water Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

Chairman Jake Rettberg with all Commissioners present except Hank Sutton convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm. Others present included: Robert Dill, Tom Moroney and Andrea Hanney.

MINUTES:
David Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 10, 2017. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote with Mike McCarthy and John Gudgel voting present.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:
No visitors present.

BILL LIST:
Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve the bills totaling $344,522.36 for payment. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

RECREATION:
Park Financial Report:
Total income for October was $120,232.51 with a year to date of $490,405.06. Total expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for October is $16,744.59. With a total owed to date of $0.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:
Tom Moroney reported:

- October 16, we turned the water off to the campgrounds. Brian & Jerry winterized the system and closed the restrooms.

- The first lot fee installment for 2018 was due November 1. We are waiting for 3 that have yet to pay. We have 7 confirmed non-renewals for 2018. Those lots will be ready to show in the spring.

- On November 1, the state opened up the IDNR website for groups to schedule fishing tournaments for 2018. All those who schedule fishing tournaments must apply for permits online. Upon review IDNR and the tournament site officials either approve or deny the permit. We currently have 5 approved tournaments and 1 denied. Typically we host 18-20 tournaments per year.

- Gates will be locked to the campgrounds on December 1, and we will be closed for the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike McCarthy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-15 "An Ordinance Approving A Wholesale Water Agreement With The Village of Thayer, Illinois". Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

- The employee health insurance renewal for 2018 has increased by 8.99%. Fred Fickas made a motion to approve the renewal of the employee health insurance. John Gudgel seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:
Bob Dill reported:

- 319 Grant – The pond on Randal Sanders property is nearly complete. We have two BMP's on Commission property that are currently under contract. We continue to work with other landowners getting BMP's on surrounding property. There will be a landowner's workshop at Dave Killam's farm on November 21st to discuss cover crops and other BMP's as a part of our 319 grant.

- RCPP – We are being told that an announcement could be made this month on the RCPP grant. We are on the final list for selection. There are two applications being considered.

- Pawnee Power Plant – I have had multiple conversations with the developer of the power plant. They have secured a major investor for the project. At this time the conversation for the water supply has been that CWLP will provide at least 220,000 gallons per day. That water would be sold to Otter Lake and brought down Pawnee Road from New City Rd. in a water main owned by Otter Lake, and Otter Lake will sell the water to the power plant with a reasonable mark up. There would also be an interconnect between CWLP and Otter lake. Otter Lake would also be the backup supply for the power plant. We have made it clear to the power plant that the main on Route 104 from BAB Road to the Pawnee meter pit must be replaced. There are several issues that Pawnee must work out with the developer as well.

- Campground Electric Project – All material, has been ordered. Construction will begin December 1st. We will be replacing 33 electric and water connection points.

- Hunter On Commission Property – A report of a deer cam and deer stand on Commission property was received. We removed the camera and the deer stand. One of my business cards was left on the tree.

- Christmas Party – The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Please RSVP by November 20th. Last year each employee was given $75.00 for Christmas, the board agreed to do the same this year.

- FOIA / Open Meetings Training – Training must be completed within 90 days of taking the position of Commissioner. If you have already completed the training, please provide a copy of the certificate. If you have not completed the training, please do so as soon as possible.

- 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 – The new truck was picked up October 16th. This truck replaces the 2010 Ford F150 that was totaled on July 28th. The other drivers insurance paid $13,418.61. The cost through state bid for the new truck was $18,764.00.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Bob Dill reported:

- Water Quality – Our ph in the lake has been in high 7's low 8's for last few weeks.

- Intake Bolt Project – Contractor completed bolt change out project inside intake.

- New Motor #2 Raw Pump – Our new motor is in place. We have seen a slight increase in flow.

- New VFD #1 Raw Pump – We had an issue with our #1 Raw pump VFD. The old drive was under warranty so the VFD company gave us a new unit.

- Filter #1 Flow Meter – Our guys installed new flow meter on filter #1

- Liberty Gas Company Water Main Project - The water main construction part of the project is finished. Line was chlorinated and pressure checked.

- Covered Bridge Road Water Main Project – We have started a water main project which is being paid for by property owner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Executive Session to discuss personnel was planned but due to the absence of General Manager Dennis Ross, the board decided to forego the session and table the compensation committee proposal until the next regular commission meeting.

At 5:56pm Fred Fickas made a motion to adjourn. Mike McCarthy seconded the motion. With no further business to discuss the meeting was unanimously adjourned. The next Commission Meeting will be at the Virden office – 6475 W Montgomery Rd in Virden on December 12, 2017 at 5 pm.

Andrea Hanney

These Minutes were approved 12/8/2017.