

# ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

## Minutes

January 12, 2022

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The regular meeting of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Board was held January 12, 2022, at the ALASD Maintenance Building located at 2201 Nevada Street, Alexandria, Minnesota.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Executive Director Gilbertson at 5:30 P.M.

Roger Thalman, Thomas Hayes (City of Alexandria), Gaylon Lerohl (Lake Mary Township), Mike Schmitz (LaGrand Township), Dwayne Waldorf (Carlos Township), Daniel Diedrich (Ida Township), Jeff Tvrdik (Hudson Township) took the Oath of Office.

Election of Officers began:

A motion was made by Nettetstad to nominate Roger Thalman as Chairman. Seconded by Schmitz. Motion carried.

At this time Chairman Thalman took over as ALASD Chairman.

A motion was made by Nettetstad to nominate Rod Eldevik as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Hayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eldevik to nominate Rebecca Sternquist as Secretary. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

Members and staff present: Directors: Diedrich, Eldevik, Hayes, Lerohl, Nettetstad, Schmitz, Sternquist, Thalman, Tvrdik and Waldorf. Absent: Dahlheimer, Johnson. Staff: Executive Director Gilbertson, Plant Supt. Drewes, Collection Supt. Timm, Admin. Asst. Bergs, Engineer Bye-WSN, Guest(s): None. Public: None

A motion was made by Hayes to approve the consent agenda items including:

- Treatment Facility Report
- Collection System Report
- Engineers Report
- List of Bills
- Report on Revenues/Expenditures
- Report of Investments
- Payroll Report
- Monthly Dashboard Summary
- List of Bills Last Month

Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

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- Chairman Thalman called upon Treatment Plant Superintendent Troy Drewes. Drewes's report included: PMs and repairs on HVAC units, repairing a fire suppression system in the headworks electrical room, grit piping system repairs, aeration blower maintenance, MPCA Biosolids Annual report to MPCA submitted, replaced a backwash pump on filter 3, replaced new hose fittings and a thermistor on plant water pumps, and general maintenance and cleaning.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Collection System Superintendent Brad Timm. Timm's report included Krohnfeldt Drive LS operational with temporary pumps for now, new radios have been installed at 6 LS's utilizing 4RF technology, snow removal ongoing at LS's, root sawing and televising in identified areas finished, LS GIS audit has started, 3 E-One residential station upgrades were complete.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Engineer Bryan Bye. Bye's report included updates on the Lake Cowdry project, Krohnfeldt Sewer Extension, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project, LS 73 and force main project, Nokomis Street Reconstruction, two proposed roundabouts that have impact to ALASD infrastructure, ALASR service area gaps, and finally misc. items.

**Action Items:**

A motion was made by Nettetstad to approve Resolution 22-01: Designating Official Newspaper. Seconded by Diedrich. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eldevik to approve Resolution 22-02: Designating Official District Depositories. Seconded by Hayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lerohl to approve Resolution 22-03: Establishing ALASD Board Members Compensation. Seconded by Schmitz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve Resolution 22-04: Approval of Audit Agreement with Abdo Services for year 2021 Financial Statement. Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve the Significant Industrial User (SIU) Permit Language for SunOpta (SOI & SOA) 2022. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lerohl to approve Resolution 22-05: Abdo Financial Solutions- Agreement for Financial Services, 2022-2024. Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Gilbertson provided the Board with a copy of the response letter to the MPCA regarding the Lake Winona Impairment Listing highlighting the reasons it should not be listed as impaired. Director Gilbertson highlighted letter comments:

- Lake Winona should not be listed in category 5 (impaired), rather listed in category 3 (inconclusive); the data falls short of conclusive evidence for impairment listing.
- The magnitude of exceedances for PFOS was extremely small/borderline. (52 ng/g-90th)
- Field and laboratory methods are not accurate/precise enough to conclude impairment.
- 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculation too high to confidently conclude impairment.
- Schedule of impairment does not follow USEPA's roadmap for PFAS.
- Requested timely communications from MPCA in the future.

**Special Project Updates/Regulation Updates:**


Executive Director Gilbertson indicated the ENTRF Status Update Report was submitted to LCCMR on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, highlighting carp removal report and sediment core sample results (Lake Winona)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director Gilbertson gave the Board a copy of the agenda for the next Chloride Advisory Meeting on January 25, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Chairman Thalman was questioned regarding whether Board Members must be in the district and connected to district sewer serve on the ALASD Board. Chairman Thalman shared that the ALASD Enabling Legislation language specifies it is not required to be in the district to serve as a director for the ALASD Board.

There being no further business to come before the board, member Eldevik made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

  
Roger Thalman, Chairman

  
Rebecca Sternquist, Secretary