

# ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

## Minutes

May 11, 2022

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The regular meeting of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Board was held May 11, 2022, at the ALASD Maintenance Building located at 2201 Nevada Street, Alexandria, Minnesota.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chairman Thalman at 5:30 P.M.

Members and staff present: Directors: Dahlheimer, Diedrich, Eldevik, Hayes, Johnson, Lerohl, Nettetstad, Sternquist, Thalman, Tvrdik and Waldorf. Absent: Schmitz Staff: Executive Director Gilbertson (Via Zoom), Plant Supt. Drewes, Collection Supt. Timm, HR Bergs, Engineer Bye-Widseth, Guest(s): Tracy Ekola- Brown & Caldwell. Public: None

A motion was made by Nettetstad 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
- April Revenue-ALP Billing
- Monthly Dashboard Summary

Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

### Presentations and Reports:

- Chairman Thalman called upon Treatment Plant Superintendent Troy Drewes. Drewes's report included: staff completed grit pump rebuild, hauling biosolids for spring spreading, changing a sump pump in the primary valve vault, touring Detroit Lakes MBR WW plant, spring startup on chiller, phase one phos analyzer complete with 30-minute monitoring established, and finally spreader maintenance is done.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Collection System Superintendent Brad Timm. Timm's report included a demo by ABM of a Jetter Truck, residential grinder EONE spring inspections completed, AGS 11 LS improvements completed, 2 Ton shop crane inspected and certified, new Dodge 1 Ton plow truck was delivered, annual LS inspections and data collection for GIS have begun, televising and uploading to GIS continues, new impellers installed at LS 93, 94, 95, 98 and 106, and finally a new hydromatic pump was installed at MGS7.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Engineer Bryan Bye. Bye's report included updates on the Lake Cowdry project, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project bid opening May 20, 2022, LS 73 and force main project- City of Nelson land purchase almost finalized with forcemain boring expected to start mid-June, Nokomis Street Reconstruction, 2 Roundabouts- YMCA intersection bid opening May 16, 2022, ALASR service gaps and finally misc. items including Brophy Lake Resort and Carlos Creek Winery possible connections.

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**Presentations:**

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the Chloride Advisory Committee meeting. Gilbertson showed the Board where ALASD is at with Rebates including amount of funds used and largest areas of rebates given out. He discussed a 6-month salt study that Culligan and Traut have agreed to do. Chairman Thalman shared an idea from the meeting of working with the city/townships to let contractors know about the rebate program. Funding for future chloride rebates can be accomplished through LCCMR grant program.

Tracy Ekola of Brown and Caldwell presented the Board with a Scope of Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Tracy highlighted key project drivers of regulations, water quality, increasing industrial loads and growth and aging infrastructure. She noted the first step is addressing current and future needs along with maintaining affordable rates and protecting area lakes. She showed the Board exiting conditions and projected changes along with a WWTF condition assessment. She went over the facility planning process, business case evaluation and the ALASD facility plan schedule and process. Finally, she showed the Board thoughts on developing funding strategies for ALASD to be able to complete the new facility plans.

**Action Items:**

A motion was made by Waldorf to approve Resolution 22-15: Approving Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant Application for Chloride Management. Seconded by Lerohl. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve Resolution 22-16: Approving Purchase of International Service Truck for Collection System. Seconded by Nettestad. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Executive Director Gilbertson presented the Board with an update on the Maintenance Tech I opening and Seasonal openings.

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the Land purchase from the City Of Nelson for LS 73/Forcemain project.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

HR Bergs presented the Board with information on ALASD attending its first Kids Groundwater Festival.

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the 2021 Financial Audit status.

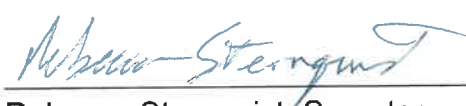
**Special Project Updates/Regulation Updates:**

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the Chloride meeting earlier in the meeting.

Executive Director Gilbertson presented the Board with a copy of memo of understanding request from the MPCA with PFAS sampling at WWTF. Ekola and Gilbertson explained that the MPCA will require tests from ALASD and that each test can run \$1000+.

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

  
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Roger Thalman, Chairman

  
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Rebecca Sternquist, Secretary