

ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

Minutes
August 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Board was held August 9, 2023, 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: Bowen, Dahlheimer, Diedrich, Eldevik, Hayes, Lerohl, Nettetstad, Schmitz, Sternquist, Thalman, Tvrdik & Waldorf. Absent: None

Staff: Executive Director Gilbertson, Plant Supt. Drewes, Collection Supt. Timm, HR Bergs, Engineer Bye-Widseth. Guest(s):

Greg Bowen (La Grand Township) took the Oath of Office as Ben Johnson has resigned from the ALASD Board.

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
- Revenue-ALP Billing
- Monthly Dashboard Summary

Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

Presentations and Reports:

- Chairman Thalman called upon Plant Superintendent Troy Drewes. Drewes's report included: attending the MWOA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MN, where Tanner Tetrick and Keith Kramer were awarded Operator of the Year, rebuilding Auger on the bar screen, WET testing completed and passed, replaced parts on digester transfer pump, serviced and replaced parts on effluent chlorine roto-meter, serviced and adjusted level transducer in Digester 2, serviced primary pumps, valves, and cleaned out scum tanks and sludge lines, worked with Primex and Alex Electric to replace existing foam sensor, toured ICS Chiller Company to look at and evaluate possible replacement of our current chiller, working with ALP and contractors to hook onto existing waterline at ALASD facility, and finally general maintenance.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Collection System Superintendent Brad Timm. Timm's report included: new plug and check valves at LS8 & LS35, root cutting completed, 5-year rotation jetting ongoing, lift station vac/flush and annuals continue, LS11 new motor starter, new discharge coupler on the forcemain at mini lift station MGS8, replaced pump and impeller at LS76, Visu-Sewer repaired 6 leaking manholes (11 total completed now) and finally Co Rd 22 manhole blockage and repair.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Engineer Bryan Bye. Bye's report included updates on the 18th Avenue Project, LS 73/Forcemain project, Roundabout(s)- I-94/TH 27 and Co. Rd 82/45 Karl Drive, Grinder Station LGS57/Forcemain Improvements, Future Capital Improvement Plan Projects, ALASR study areas, and LS1/Forcemain project.

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Public Presentations:

Project update video.

MWOA Outstanding Operator of the Year Award for 2023. Keith Kramer for Class SB and Tanner Tetrick for Class D.

Tom Olinger, CPA (Abdo) presented the Board with the ALASD Annual Financial Audit for FY2022.

Executive Director Gilbertson presented the Board with the first reading of the ALASD FY2023 Financial Budget.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Dahlheimer to approve a Letter of Agreement from Brown and Caldwell to provide as needed Utility Management Services not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Audit as prepared by Abdo. Seconded by Schmitz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nettetstad to approve SJE for HGS-8 control panel, total cost \$41,258. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the Office Manager hire and position details.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson reported to the Board on his presentation to the Lake Carlos Area Association annual meeting.

Executive Director Gilbertson informed the Board on the bonding and continuing disclosure services agreement with Government Capital Securities.

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Special Project Updates/Regulation Updates:


Executive Director Gilbertson informed the Board about Stantec crews sampling for Submerged Aquatic Vegetation on Lake Winona and collecting sediment cores on Lake Agnes on July 19-20, 2023.

Executive Director informed the Board that MESERB intends to submit comments regarding site-specific sulfate standards for the protection of wild rice.

Chairman Thalman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Roger Thalman, Chairman



Rebecca Sternquist, Secretary