

ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

Minutes September 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Board was held September 13, 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 & Waldorf. Absent: Tvrdik

Staff: Executive Director Gilbertson, Collection Supt. Timm, HR Bergs, Office Manager Kluver, Engineer Bye-Widseth. Guest(s): Tracy Ekola- Brown and Caldwell and Gail Robertson- VP Government Capital Securities

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 Director Gilbertson to review the report from Plant Superintendent Troy Drewes. Drewes's report included: replacing gearbox on grit separator, replacing impeller on digester transfer pump, finalizing DMRQA- the annual EPA lab proficiency testing program, adjusted the flush plates on the secondary clarifiers, changed oil on all clarifier drives.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Collection System Superintendent Brad Timm. Timm's report included: Orval Wevley retirement after 36.5 years, new standby generators set at LS 29 and LS110, Thul Specialty evaluated 2 manholes for repair, Ferguson Brothers repaired a broken/leaking service stub in the East Lake Burgen Area, manhole GPS locations being input during jetting operations, removed E-One residential station and installed gravity service in the LGS57 Brophy upgrade project, LS annual inspections are completed, replaced the VFD at LS 1 with help from Ideal Service and Eric Waage, installed a new pump at mini LS IGS8, LGS17 and IGS4, installed new discharge flanges at LS80 and LS82, and continued 5 year jetting, vac/flush, mini ls and LS semi annuals.
- 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.
- Introduction of Jo Kluver, Office Manager ALASD.

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Public Presentations:

Chairman Thalman opened the Public Hearing on the proposed ALASD 2024 Budget. No public comments. The Public Hearing included the second reading of the proposed budget. Chairman Thalman closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Tracy Ekola of Brown and Caldwell presented the Board with an overview of the Scope of Services Brown and Caldwell will be providing regarding the design and bidding services for the Water Reclamation Facility construction. Ekola explained the timeline of design, key project drivers (e.g., future regulations, improve water quality, align treatment processes, aging infrastructure, growth inside ALASD service area). Engineering design fees are based upon capital project costs of \$63.4M.

Gail Robertson, VP of Government Capital Securities, presented the Board with information on Bond Issuance for future projects. Projects listed for the Series 2023 GO Bond: WRF design fees, LS #1/FM project, EQ/Lift Station improvements, chiller improvements, ALASR sewer extension project, biosolids pad improvements.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Hayes to approve Resolution 23-13 The Adoption of the ALASD 2023 budget and setting tax levy of \$1.3M to Local Government Units served by ALASD. Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Waldorf to approve Resolution 23-14 Adopting the Scope of Services for the Water Reclamation Facility design and bid services with Brown and Caldwell. Seconded by Lerohl. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nettetstad to approve Series 2023 GO Bond, approving engagement of Northland Securities as underwriter, S&P as the Rating Agent, and US Bank as the Registrar/Paying Agent. Seconded by Waldorf. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Waldorf to approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$225,190.14 to Land Pride Construction for the 2023 Grinder Station LGS 57 Improvement. Seconded by Diedrich. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the ALASR project updates, including meeting with the Townships to review proposed expansions.

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the ALP Water main extension project that was completed at the ALASD location.

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NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson reported to the Board on a MESERB letter to the Minnesota Legislation members regarding exemptions for wastewater utilities under CERCLA for PFAs contamination.

Special Project Updates/Regulation Updates:


Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board about the Adaptive Lake Management including Stantec completing sediment coring on Lake Agnes and the submerged aquatic vegetation survey in Lake Winona. Final items left include (3) carp surveys in the Winona Chain of Lakes.

Executive Director informed the Board on the LCCMR fully executed contract agreement for the Chloride Source Reduction Pilot Program project.

Chairman Thalman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Roger Thalman, Chairman



Rebecca Sternquist, Secretary