

ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

Minutes October 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Board was held October 11, 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, Eldevik, Hayes, Lerohl, Nettestad, Schmitz, Sternquist & Thalman. Absent: Dahlheimer, Diedrich, Tvrdik & Waldorf.

Staff: Executive Director Gilbertson, Plant Supt. Drewes, Collection Supt. Timm, HR Bergs, Office Manager Kluver. Guest(s): Gail Robertson, VP of Government Capital Securities

A motion was made by Eldevik 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 Nettestad. Motion carried.

Presentations and Reports:

- Chairman Thalman called upon Plant Superintendent Troy Drewes. Drewes's report included: Clarifier #3 improvements, draining digester 1A for repairs, completed mercury testing, collected and sent in 24 biosolid samples needed for application, repaired a scum box on primary clarifier, replaced failed electric valve on actuator on filter two, repaired chains on spreaders in preparation for fall application, changed air filters in main buildings, cleaned multiple floors in main buildings, and finally general maintenance.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Collection System Superintendent Brad Timm. Timm's report included: Staff demo of a new jetter truck, planning for LS114- installing new valves, piping and site work, Tradesman installed a new 4" gravity service and removed CR19 E-One station, replaced 1 pump, discharge flange and adapter at LS91, replaced transducer at Mini LS IGS2 and IGS16, installed a new discharge flange at AGS12, replaced E-One pump at LGR23 and LGR31, assisted plant staff in removing a transfer pump, setting guide bars, cleaning debris in digester 1A, installed new pumps at LGS57, and finally continued to work on Mini LS annuals, 5 year jetting, televising and locating.
- Chairman Thalman called upon Executive Director Gilbertson to give Engineer Bryan Bye's report. 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, GIS updates, ALASR sanitary sewer extension areas, and planning for LS1/Forcemain project.

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Public Presentations:

Chairman Thalman opened the Public Hearing on the ALASD Ordinance #3 Establishing User Rates for 2024. Chairman Thalman closed the Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Executive Director Gilbertson presented the Board with information for the proposed ALASD rate increases included in the ordinance, including rate study comparing similar area utilities for typical residential and commercial customers, LGU allocation influence, budget sub-committee comments, forecasted inflation increases on capital projects, and labor/benefit pressure on FY2024 budget.

Gail Robertson, VP of Government Capital Securities, presented the Board with information on the Bond Issuance Plan for GO Facilities Bonds, Series 2023 for \$15,375,000.00.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Nettetstad to approve the ALASD MN Series 2023-Bond Issuance Plan, as presented by ALASD Municipal Advisor Gail Robertson. Seconded by Lerohl. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lerohl to approve Resolution 23-15 Certification of Minutes Relating to General Obligation Facilities Bonds, Series 2023. Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nettetstad to approve Resolution 23-16 Providing for the sale of the General Obligation Facilities Bonds, Series 2023A. Seconded by Schmitz. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve Pay Request #1 to Douglas County in the amount of \$741,487.99 for CSAH 45 and 82 Roundabout Project. Seconded by Bowen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve Pay Request #2 to Land Pride Construction in the amount of \$102,067 for 2023 Grinder Station LGS 57. Seconded by Nettetstad. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lerohl to approve Pay Request #4 to the City of Alexandria in the amount of \$934,859.55 for the 18th Avenue/Hawthorne Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Seconded by Bowen. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the ALASR meeting including that Project Areas and the Facility Plan were approved by the ALASD Board and the Public Hearing for the Improvements is scheduled for December 5, 2023.

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NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Gilbertson reported to the Board that on November 30, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. there will be a special meeting to adopt the authorizing resolution for bond purchase contract: GO Facilities Bonds, Series 2023A.

Special Project Updates/Regulation Updates:


Executive Director Gilbertson updated the Board on the Chloride Advisory Meeting that was held September 26, 2023.

Executive Director informed the Board about the MESERB comments on MPCA Remediation Division PFAS Guidance- "Remediation Guidance".

Chairman Thalman adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.



Roger Thalman, Chairman



Rebecca Sternquist, Secretary