

**Lost Lake Utility District Meeting
404 Lake Court, Dixon, Illinois
May 15, 2007**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Joe Olliges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Present: Joe Olliges, Bill Weronko, Jerry Pohlman, George Kersten, Ron Berger and Nadine Portner. Also Present: Sheila Warner, Treasurer; Susan Steffens, Secretary; Betsy Young, and members of the community.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the Agenda: Bill made a motion to approve the agenda, Jerry seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-1).

IV. Joe called a Public Hearing for the Board of Trustees to sell in the amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) for the payment of the costs of purchasing and improving the water and wastewater assets of New Landing Utility, Inc. (Attached)

Joe: stated that no petitions have been filed.

The Secretary read the document into the record (attached). No oral or written testimony presented and no additional comments were made by the Board.

At 7:05 George made a motion to adjourn hearing, Bill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-2).

V. Approval of the Minutes: Nadine made a motion to approve the March 17, 2007 Executive Session Minutes, Bill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-3). Ron made a motion to approve the April 17, 2007 District Meeting amended minutes, Jerry seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-4).

VI. Treasurer's Report:

Sheila: reported that the beginning balance on April 1, 2007 was \$7313.21. There were no receipts or expenditures and the Ending balance on April 30, 2007 is \$7313.21. Bills to be paid this month are as follows: Sauk Valley Newspaper \$52.98; Ogle County Life \$372.50; Payroll for Susan Steffens for March and April \$200.00; Payroll for Sheila Warner for March and April \$140.00. Ron made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report and approval to pay the bills, Bill seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-5).

VII. Old Business:

Joe: Gave an update purchase agreement. There is new water meter on the pump as of May 5, 2007. Water is being recorded. The water tower debris is still there and Mr. Armstrong states to be working on it. The lab tests have not been provided, but Mr. Armstrong states that everything is okay and is working on the clean-up. We will meet with the EPA on Friday to discuss updates and repairs. Engineering study is in draft form and being reviewed. June 13, 2007 at 10:30 is the next Status Hearing.

Nadine: Update on Ordinances. Attorney Peter Smith is reviewing the submitted ordinances and right now the only issue is the formatting. On Thursday, they will be ready.

Ethics Ordinance is tabled until next month.

Nadine: Office Equipment Update. A box and keyboard have been donated. We need to purchase a mouse, memory stick, Windows XP Pro, and a LCD monitor. Labor will be donated. Total price is around \$400. Joe made motion to approve purchase not to exceed \$500, Bill seconded the motion. Discussion was held by the Board. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-6).

Jerry: Office Location Update. After researching mobile office rentals, William Scottsman's mobile office costs \$175 a month, although, there is an up-front fee for delivery, set-up, knockdown, and return fee of \$785.00. Mobile Storage Group costs are \$299 a month and \$1361 in fees.

Ron: Office Location Update. The New Landing Property Owners Association has no room. The Lost Nation Property Owners Association will permit rental on the main floor in one of the existing bedrooms which is on the seconded level for \$250 per month, or two bedrooms for an additional \$150 per month and use of the living and dining areas. This includes utilities except telephone.

Joe: Transition agreement contract with Illinois Rural Water. The sewer operator must be on site for five-days a week minimum of two-hours per day. At Friday's meeting, this will be discussed.

Nadine: Job description for General Manager/Certified Water & Wastewater Operator. She is researching requirements and comparing other want ads as far as job description and responsibilities for the General Manager/Certified Water & Wastewater Operator.

Joe: A résumé has already been provided. There is one applicant that is familiar with our system and interested in the job.

VIII. New Business:

Joe: Notice to Hold Special Meeting on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 10:00 am. Approximately, 851 postcards were sent out to inform the residents of the meeting.

Joe: Resignation of Roger of Asplund. Taylor Township will appoint someone to fill the remaining time of his two-year term.

IX. Guest/Public Opinion:

Mike Robinson: questioned the publication charges. **Sheila:** explained they publications are charged length.

Mike: regarding the job description. He felt it was important to list qualifications in the ad.

Roger Asplund: Due to the length of time it has taken in negotiations, has any Board Member given thought to dissolving the district. Would the Board address that question? Each Board member stated that at this time, they have not thought about that due to the amount of time and effort that has already been expended.

Roger: commented that Mr. Armstrong is not negotiating in good-faith and is dragging this out and expenses are being accumulated.

Crystal Pohlman: Stated the community would be angry if the Board was dissolved. The community knows this would take a long time.

Roger: Feels the Board has done fine job on advisability but feasibility is the question. The rates may make some residents upset.

Betsy Young: Being in the utility business, rates are set up to run the utility. It would be a mistake to dissolve the district to put pressure on the Court. We don't want to close on a transaction that is not fully assessed. There are many details on a long checklist that have to be dealt with. There has been an enormous effort by this Board to complete the transaction.

Roger: questioned the substandard water main.

Betsy: On Friday, that will be discussed. This is being addressed in the long-range plan improvements. This is being prioritized.

Joe: The substandard pipes are replaced on a work order because of a problem. The engineer will be at the meeting to ensure this is discussed.

Mike: feels the legal system has slowed this process.

X. Adjournment:

George made motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll-call vote (05-15-07-7).

5-15-07-1	Approval of the Agenda
5-15-07-2	Adjourn Public Hearing
5-15-07-3	Approval of the March 17, 2007 Executive Session Minutes
5-15-07-4	Approval of the April 17, 2007 District Meeting Minutes
5-15-07-5	Approval of the Treasurer's Report
5-15-07-6	Approval to purchase office equipment
5-15-07-7	Adjournment

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