

Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority Board  
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PROPOSED

GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 2, 2022  
Held at Gerrish Township Hall  
2997 E Higgins Lake Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-821-9313

This meeting was held in person with members from Fleis & Vandenbrink and Dickerson Wright on Zoom call.

Regular meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Present: Dave Udy, Leasa Tulgetske, Eric Carlson, Dave Hall and Tom Metcalf. Jerry McKenna and Bill Lamb absent. Also, present: 59 citizen(s)

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of ZOOM attendees and the videographer, Jason Budzinski

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Tom Metcalf, supported by Dave Hall: CARRIED  
that the agenda be approved with the addition of Bill Lamb resignation under new business.

APPROVAL OF April 18, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Tom Metcalf, supported by Eric Carlson: CARRIED  
that the April 18, 2022, special meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Old Business: Discussed Governmental funding updates

New Business: Discussed a new proposed SAD map. Fleis and Vandenbrink explained what had been done and the reasoning behind the decreased SAD.

Motion by Tom Metcalf, supported by Eric Carlson: CARRIED  
That the Board adopt Resolution #2022-05-02-01 Recommendation of Sanitary Sewer System Project to Gerrish Township and Lyon Township.

Roll Call: Ayes: Chairman Udy, Eric Carlson, Dave Hall, Tom Metcalf, Leasa Tulgetske

Nays: None

Absent: Jerry McKenna

Motion by Leasa Tulgetske, supported by Dave Udy: CARRIED  
GLUA set the next special meeting date as Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 9:00am at the Gerrish Township Hall.

GLUA Board member Bill Lamb resignation-no discussion took place

Public Comments: Residents commented on prior studies done on Higgins Lake, Southwest Barry County STEP system call out, Silver Lake STEP system, opening statement on GLUA website, misleading petitions, lobbyists, repayment to Higgins Lake Foundation if sewer doesn't go through, number of petitions against the sewer, complaint being filled with MSP against GLUA for allegedly violating the Open Meetings Act, FOIA email regarding the initial costs and phases, Fleis & Vandenbrink conflict of interest, return on the benefit of sewer system, science and process behind number of parcels eliminated from district, district should be bigger to even out the costs, PA 188 of 1954, Recall language for Gerrish & Lyon Township Board members.

Board Comments:

Leasa Tulgetske stated this is a controversial matter. GLUA was created to gather information of a sewer system and bring the findings back to the township boards. Nothing has been done at this time. You will not have a vote on a ballot on the matter, but you will have a voice by signing a yes or no petition. We are gathering information so everyone can make an educated decision whether you are in favor or against.

Eric Carlson stated this has been an honest effort to help the lake and the people. It was never his intent to deceive people, do something illegal or wrong. If recalled, he put his best effort in and if arrested he's not sure why.

Tom Metcalf stated he was asked by Lyon Township to be a volunteer to see if a sewer system was viable. To give an honest opinion if this is a good thing or not and to gather information. Today we identified an area and cost, simply made a recommendation. The project could be stopped at any time.

Dave Hall thanked everyone for coming. He appreciated the positive comments of support and the comments that educate us. He has done some research on youth's falling into sewer system drains and is looking into safety products.

Dave Udy stated that free speech is available at all meetings, this is an open forum. People say we are not being open and transparent, but his door is always open for residents to come in. People should talk about the issues in a professional matter.

Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Tom Metcalf: CARRIED  
that the meeting adjourns.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am

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Leasa Tulgetske, Secretary

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Approved

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