

APPROVED MINUTES
GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 2023
Held at Lyon Township Hall
7851 W. Higgins Lake Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Slight delay waiting on meeting Agenda. Present: Jim Barnwell, Phil Czech, Bill Lamb, Jerry McKenna, Eric Carlson, and Dave Hall. Tom Metcalf absent.

APPROVAL OF October 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Bill Lamb: CARRIED that the October 9, 2023 Minutes be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion by Phil Czech, supported by Jerry McKenna CARRIED that the agenda be approved as presented.

Old Business:

1. Update status of project plan
 - a) Hydrogeological Investigation/discharge permit – EGLE okays only six more borings required rather than thirty. This will result in monetary savings.
2. Business Plan Update – Phil Czech reported two donations to Huntington bank account. We have opened a State of Michigan Vendor Self Service account. Townships approved to move forward with SAD role. Also met with USDA and are good to go. Jim Barnwell said he spoke with the accountant to set up a chart of accounts.

Public Comments:

Joe Carbello – Back lotters can't enjoy the lake like lake fronters can. No proof any septic systems are leaking into the lake. People on the lake think they are better than everybody. If they want a sewer, they should pay for it themselves.

Jan Kreger – Questioned what is meant by good to go with USDA.

Martha Klep – misleading saying we are good to go.

Board comments

Dave Hall spoke to the State of Michigan Public Health Code written in 1978. Public sanitary sewer systems are essential to public health. Septic systems are subject to failure due to soil conditions.

Eric Carlson – he is a back lotter as well. He can't understand being opposed to the sewer and protecting our own and neighbor's wells. He knows of many back lotters who support the sewer project.

Jerry McKenna – aware of the animosity between lakefront and back lotters due to past history. Not trying to inflict hardship on anyone, just trying to do the right thing.

Jim Barnwell – Funding is available despite some comments saying otherwise.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Lamb, supported by Phil Czech. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.