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June 24, 2025– Board Meeting

On June 24, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Public Water District met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the hour of 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the District, 500 –17th Street, Zion, Illinois. Chair Ruchti opened the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. Upon the roll being called, Trustees Ower, Ewert, Smith, Latif, and Onan were present. Also present were General Manager Jeremy Thompson, and Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary Karen Johnston. Present virtually was Attorney Gretchen Neddenreip, sitting in for Attorney Bryan Winter. Present as guest speaker was Ms. Cheryden Juergensen of Eccezion.

Chair Ruchti started the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for Trustee Amos Monk who passed away on June 16th.

Chair Ruchti then read the following resolution honoring Trustee Monk's service to the District and the community. Trustee Latif made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Ewert. Chair Ruchti asked if further discussion was desired, as it wasn't and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

On behalf of the Lake County Public Water District Board of Trustees, we express our profound sorrow at the passing of Amos J. Monk.

WHEREAS, Amos J. Monk passed away on June 16, 2025 while serving as Trustee on the Board of the Lake County Public Water District, and this board meeting is an appropriate occasion for this Board to reflect on his life and service; and

WHEREAS, Amos J. Monk was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Public Water District July 13, 2004 by the Lake County Board serving until his death on June 16, 2025, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment to our mission;

WHEREAS, throughout his time on this Board and until his passing, Amos dedicated his unwavering commitment and long-term vision to the District's mission to deliver exceptional service. He also contributed to the ongoing oversight of the water plant to ensure that it was operating at its maximum efficiency, thereby ensuring that the communities served by the Lake County Public Water District water plant received exceptional quality drinking water.

WHEREAS, Amos also brought to this Board his astute business judgment, his quick wit, and the benefit of his experience as business owner and prominent member of the community, establishing himself as a leader to set goals and to inspire others to follow;

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Amos contributed to the community through his service in the U.S. Navy, as a Commissioner for the City of Zion, and a Trustee of Zion Township, and many other roles, working for the public good.

WHEREAS, Amos provided us all with an example of unselfish, thoughtful, and generous service to others and how to live life thinking of others and working for their benefit;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees of the Lake County Public Water District celebrates the life and accomplishments of Amos J. Monk and expresses its admiration for a life well lived.

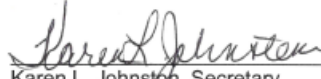
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees and staff of the Lake County Public Water District extends to his family and many friends, this Board's profound gratitude for all that Amos has given to the communities represented by the Lake County Public Water District, and that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting and that a signed copy hereof be presented to the family of Amos J. Monk in appreciation for his long and faithful service as a trustee of the Lake County Public Water District



Attest:


Karen L. Johnston, Secretary

Lake County Public Water District



Michael B. Ruchti
Chairman, Board of Trustees

PRESENTED AND READ: June 24, 2025
PASSED AND APPROVED:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Trustees voting aye:	D. Ower, T. Ewert, K. Smith, S. Latif, A. Onan; M. Ruchti
Trustees voting nay:	None
Trustees absent:	None
Trustees abstaining:	None

Ayes:	(5)	D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

Following this, Chair Ruchti introduced Amy Onan, the newly appointed board member, to the board. The board welcomed her to the board.

Chair Ruchti stated that Ms. Cheryden Juergensen of Eccezion was present to present the final audit for fiscal year 2025. He then turned the floor over to Ms. Juergensen.

Ms. Juergensen reported that the audit was successful and expressed her gratitude to Secretary Johnston and General Manager Thompson for their assistance in expediting the process. She indicated that the records were in good condition, as they had been in the past. She stated that there were no errors or misstatements, no unusual journal entries, and no material weaknesses, or deficiencies. She then presented the auditor's opinion, explaining that it was an unmodified opinion, which means that based on all of testing they were able to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements were fairly presented. She indicated that this is best opinion the District could have under accounting standards.

She indicated that there were no significant changes this year regarding GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). However, there was a new standard implemented last year, GASB Statement No. 96, regarding subscription-based information technology arrangements. Implementation of these standards resulted in recognizing the fair market value of the liability and asset at the commencement of the agreement. She indicated that there have been no changes to the previously issued audited financial statements which would be required on a retrospective basis.

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She then went through the audit, reviewing various charts and policies. The policies and procedures were reviewed, and they found no issues. The following are the highlights of the audit:

- The results of operations for the year resulted in an operating income of \$632,439. After considering interest and other income and expense, the net result for the year was \$665,131 of net income.
- The 2025 demand for water increased .26% from 2024 levels to 901,683,000 gallons. The District delivered 899,335,000 gallons in 2024.
- The District's net position increased during the year, which ended April 30, 2025 by \$665,131 from the 2024 balance of \$9,470,952 to the 2025 balance of \$10,136,083.
- Total revenue for 2025 of \$2,882,069 is \$37,771 more than the \$2,844,298 reported in 2024.
- The 2025 delivery rate calculation is \$2.1152 per 1,000 gallons.
- There is a refund of \$60,484, to be allocated to the customers based on delivered gallons of water actually billed.
- The amount needed to fully fund the R&R account is \$120,047. After credits for amounts paid in 2024, additional debt service coverage, and the underdrain project allocated for the year, the amount to be contributed by the District's customers monthly is \$14,296.

Discussion of these subjects followed. Ms. Juergensen thanked the board and left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Chair Ruchti asked if anyone had questions. There were none, and Trustee Smith made a motion to accept the audit report and rate adjustments, which was seconded by Trustee Onan. Chair Ruchti asked if any further discussion was desired. As there was no further discussion, and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Ayes: (5) D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

Chair Ruchti indicated that he would entertain a motion to use the consent agenda as follows. Trustee Latif made a motion to use the consent agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Onan. Chair Ruchti asked if any additional discussion was required, as there was none, and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was approved.

- 4) Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 14, 2025
- 5) Disbursements for June 2025
- 6) Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2025
- 7) Budget Report for May 31, 2025
- 8) End of month May 31, 2025 Monthly Operation Summation

Ayes: (5) D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

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Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

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OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT June 2025 – Disbursements

ACCT. #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DUE
2920	FICA Withholding Taxes (EE Portion)	May-25	2,841.42
2921	Federal Withholding Taxes	May-25	4,087.96
2922	IL Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	747.24
2923	WI Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	998.94
7205	FICA Withholding Taxes (ER Portion)	May-25	2,841.42
7255	Correll Co.	May-25 Pension	6,436.54
7211	Commonwealth Edison	Electricity - May-25	93.49
7211	Dynegy	Electricity - May-25	17,103.89
7215	Pace Analytical Services	Sample Testing	183.00
7221	Hawkins	Chlorine Shipment	4,361.20
7221	USALCO	Aluminum Sulfate Shipment	8,328.02
7222	Ace Hardware	Misc. Supplies	67.45
7222	Advocate Occupational Health	Respirator Fit Testing	200.00
7222	Amazon Capital Services	Misc. Supplies	938.19
7222	American Outfitters	Uniforms	810.00
7222	Burris Equipment Co.	Misc. Supplies	522.48
7222	Cintas	First Aid Supplies	78.88
7222	Hach	Lab Supplies	837.71
7222	IDEXX Distributors	Lab Supplies	3,974.35
7222	Napa	Misc. Supplies	37.99
7222	USA Blue Book	Misc. Supplies	61.34
7223	Saf-T-Gard	Electrical Glove Testing	78.86
7225	Concentric Integration	Support Services	12,817.50
7225	Lakeland Larsen Elevator Corp.	Qtrly. Elevator Maintenance	387.00
7225	Hansen Associates, Inc.	July-25 Copier Maintenance	65.00

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7231	DeLage Financial	July-25 Copier Lease	161.76
7232	AT&T	Telephone Service	2,005.97
7232	Verizon Wireless	Cellular Phone/Data Service	1,011.34
7234	FedEx	Shipping Charges	17.63
7235	AARP - Health	Health Insurance - Diane Fragassi - Jul-25	479.00
7235	AARP - Prescription	RX Coverage - Diane Fragassi - Jul-25	89.20
7235	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	July-25 Health Insurance	14,603.13
7235	EM Benefits(Delta Dental)	July-25 Dental/Vision	632.20
7235	IL Public Risk Fund	Work Comp 3rd Qtr. 2025	4,431.00
7235	Principal Insurance	July-25 Disability/AD&D	803.06
7238	Amazon Capital Services	Business Prime Membership	349.00
7239	Clear Loss Prevention	Video Security System Service Contract	2,000.00
7239	LiftOff, LLC	Annual Cybersecurity Plan	3,931.20
7241	Eccezion	FY25 Audit - Progress Bill	20,000.00
7241	Your Payroll Dept.	Payroll Fees - May-25	258.05
7242	Fuqua Winter, Ltd.	Legal Fees - May-25	2,250.00
7251	Correll Co.	Investment Services 02/01/25-04/30/25	795.00
7251	Daily Herald	Meeting Change Publication 2025	69.00
		Total	\$122,786.41

FIRST BANKCARD

	Acct. 7222	Misc. Supplies	630.23
	Acct. 7234	Office Supplies	83.16
	Acct. 7236	Transportation	248.53
	Acct. 7237	Meetings/Seminars	344.44
		Total First Bankcard	1,306.36
		Grand Total - Operations	\$124,092.77

R&R

ACCT. #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DUE
7300.39	Dahme Mechanical	3" Flow Meter Replacement	6,288.00
		Total	\$6,288.00

Chair Ruchti read the following the prevailing wage resolution and advised the board he would entertain a motion for its approval. Trustee Ewert made a motion to accept the prevailing wage

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endorsement, which was seconded by Trustee Ower. Chair Ruchti asked if further discussion was desired, as it wasn't and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/0.01, et seq (1996) ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the Lake County Public Water District ("District") investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workers and mechanics employed in performing construction of public works of the District, all as such terms are defined in the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

To the extent and as required by the Act, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, workers and mechanics who become engaged in construction of public works of the District is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Lake County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of May, 2025, a copy of which determination is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also defined in the Act shall be the same as in the Act.

Nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed to apply to any work or employment except public works construction of the District to the extent required by the Act.

The General Manager of the District shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the District this determination.

The District Secretary shall promptly file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Illinois Secretary of State.

The District shall cause to be posted on the District's website notice of the Department of Labor's determination of prevailing wages with a link to the prevailing wage schedule for the applicable locality that is published on the official website of the Department of Labor

The General Manager of Lake County Public Water District shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, any association of employers and any person or association of employees who have filed with the District their respective names and addresses requesting copies of any determination stating the particular wage rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.



Karen Johnston
Secretary

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

Michael B. Ruchti
Chair, Board of Trustees

PRESENTED AND READ: June 24, 2025

APPROVED:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustees voting aye:	D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Trustee voting nay:	None
Trustees absent:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Ayes:	(5)	D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Update of Loan Application for funding from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP)** – General Manager Thompson reported that he received a Public Water Supply Construction permit from the IEPA for the emergency generator replacement project, which he forwarded to Mike Foley of Baxter & Woodman for review. He further stated that the District should find out in July what the level of funding for which the District qualifies, and if nothing is awarded at that time, the District will be able to apply for bypass funding.
- **Update of possible Eighth Amendment to Winthrop Harbor Water Supply Contract, and First Amendment to Illinois Department of Natural Resources Water Supply contract, amending contract renewal from 10 to 20-year terms** – General Manager Thompson reported that he and Chair Ruchti attended the Village of Winthrop Harbor board meeting last month to discuss the contract extension. General Manager Thompson reported that the meeting was successful, and he and Board Chair Ruchti were able to address a number of inquiries from the Village of Winthrop Harbor board. They agreed to the contract extension, which was received on May 30. General Manager Thompson also advised that he was awaiting the signed contract amendment from the IDNR. Discussion of this subject followed.
- **Update of 2025 Truck Purchase** – General Manager Thompson advised that he had inquired of the status of the truck's production. Mr. Edgar Huerta of Gillespie Ford stated that he had no concrete answer as far as the date of delivery. However, Mr. Huerta found another vehicle that was available and would meet the District's criteria. Discussion of this subject followed.
- **2025 Intake Inspection** – General Manager Thompson stated that he had been in contact with Liz Kadinger of Midwest Marine Contractors regarding the annual intake inspection. She provided a proposal and General Manager Thompson provided that information to the board. He indicated that their annual inspection would verify that the repairs Michels Corporation performed were satisfactory. Discussion of this subject followed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of Increase to Transportation Budget for FY2026** – In March 2025, General Manager Thompson informed the District that it had solicited proposals for a new truck. At that time, it was anticipated that this item would be expensed in fiscal year 2025. However, the auditors advised that it could not be included for fiscal year of 2025 as there was no equipment received, nor money exchanged. Therefore, the truck needs to be included in the fiscal year 2026 budget. General Manager Thompson asked that the board entertain a motion to increase the transportation line item of the budget for fiscal year 2026 to \$80,000 to accommodate the new truck. Trustee Smith made a motion to increase the fiscal year 2026 budget line item for transportation to \$80,000, which was seconded by Trustee Onan. Chair Ruchti asked if further discussion was desired, as it wasn't and upon the following roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Ayes:	(5)	D. Ower; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

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MISCELLANEOUS

- **Correll Co. – Quarterly Reports** – General Manager Thompson advised that all funds have satisfied the criteria set by Correll Co.

Chair Ruchti suggested that the board move into executive session to discuss security issues. Trustee Ewert made that motion, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. Chair Ruchti asked if further discussion was desired. As there was no further discussion, and upon the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

** * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * **

Trustee Ower made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Ewert, upon the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

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Karen L. Johnston
Board Secretary