

Minutes

July 8, 2025– Board Meeting

On July 8, 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, Smith, Latif, and Onan were present. Trustee Ewert was absent. Also present were General Manager Jeremy Thompson, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary Karen Johnston, and Attorney Bryan Winter.

Chair Ruchti indicated that he would entertain a motion to use the consent agenda for the following items:

- 4) Approval of Regular & Executive Session Minutes of June 24, 2025
- 5) Disbursements for July 2025
- 6) Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2025
- 7) Budget Report for June 30, 2025
- 8) End of month June 30, 2025 Monthly Operation Summation

Trustee Smith 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.

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

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

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

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT July 2025 – Disbursements

ACCT. #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DUE
2920	FICA Withholding Taxes (EE Portion)	Jun-25	3,173.62
2921	Federal Withholding Taxes	Jun-25	4,748.49
2922	IL Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	989.00
2923	WI Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	967.82
7205	FICA Withholding Taxes (ER Portion)	Jun-25	3,173.62
7211	Commonwealth Edison	Electricity - Jun-25	95.85
7215	Pace Analytical Services	Sample Testing	183.00
7221	Hawkins	Chlorine Shipment	2,180.60
7222	Amazon Capital Services	Misc. Supplies	110.76

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7222	Hach	Lab Supplies	195.72
7222	Napa Auto Parts	Batteries	599.98
7223	Core & Main	Meter Test & Recalibration	2,820.00
7223	Dorner Valves	Maintenance Supplies - Valves	5,583.37
7223	Lake County Door Co.	Garage Door Repairs	1,312.25
7225	Hansen Associates, Inc.	July-25 Copier Maintenance	65.00
7231	DeLage Financial	July-25 Copier Lease	161.76
7232	AT&T	Telephone Service	75.00
7232	Verizon	Telephone Service	314.58
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	Principal Insurance	July-25 Disability/AD&D	803.06
7235	Thompson, Jeremy	Deductible Reimbursement	437.50
7241	Your Payroll Dept.	Payroll Fees - Jun-25	287.64
7251	Tony's House of Creations	Flowers	117.00
7255	Correll Co.	Jun-25 Pension	7,175.58
		Total	\$51,374.73

FIRST BANKCARD

	Acct. 7222	Misc. Supplies	207.45
	Acct. 7234	Office Supplies	33.16
	Acct. 7236	Transportation	150.92
	Acct. 7237	Meetings/Seminars	276.43
		Total First Bankcard	667.96
		Grand Total - Operations	\$52,042.69

Chair Ruchti stated that the board typically approves the pension contribution following the audit presentation. However, this item was overlooked at the June board meeting. He reminded the board that the current pension contribution was 17%, contributed quarterly.

Trustee Onan made a motion to approve the pension contribution of 17% for fiscal year 2026, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. 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; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) T. Ewert

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ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Audit Report & Rate Adjustment Resolution: Chair Ruchti then presented the following Resolution:

AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING AUDIT AND FIXING
OF RATES AND BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT as follows:

1. That the report of the audit of the books and records of the District for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2025, and the recommended computation of revised rates applicable to the District's customers, as prepared by Eccezion and incorporated herein by reference be and hereby received, approved and placed on file, and
2. That the revised rates therein computed for the sale of water are in accordance with the separate contracts with the City of Zion, the Village of Winthrop Harbor, and with the State of Illinois Department of Conservation (IDNR), and with applicable requirements of Illinois law and bond ordinances of the District and are hereby established as the rates to be charged to these three customers effective August 1, 2025.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT


Michael B. Ruchti, Chair, Board of Trustees


EST. 1937
PRESENTED AND READ: July 8, 2025
PASSED AND APPROVED: July 8, 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Ower made a motion to accept the audit resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. A roll call vote to approve the ordinance approving the audit, fixing the rates, and billing adjustments resulted as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Update of Loan Application for funding from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP)** – General Manager Thompson reported that The District has not yet received any information regarding the potential funding level for the State Revolving Fund Loan. He anticipates having additional information prior to the August board meeting.

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- **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, John Wilker forwarded the signed IDNR contract amendment to him. The District has now received signed contract amendments from both Winthrop Harbor and the IDNR. Discussion of this subject followed.
- **Update of 2025 Truck Purchase** – General Manager Thompson advised that Edgar Huerta from Gillespie Ford informed him on July 1 that they had received the truck, and were in the process of installing the plow, the bed liner, and the rooftop hazard light. It had been scheduled for pick up and trade-in Monday July 7 but was delayed due to the holiday. General Manager Thompson stated that he anticipated receiving the vehicle later this week or early next week.
- **2025 Intake Inspection** – General Manager Thompson stated that Midwest Marine Contractors performed the annual intake inspection for the District on Tuesday July 1. The inspection report had not yet been received but General Manager Thompson anticipated having the report by the August Board meeting.
- **Banking** –Chair Ruchti discussed an ongoing issue regarding bank fees with Wintrust Bank, the District's banking group. Chair Ruchti requested an analysis statement several times, and they were finally received. A discussion regarding the purpose of the fees ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ruchti suggested that the board move into executive session to discuss security issues. Trustee Latif 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 Latif made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Onan, upon the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

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Karen L. Johnston
Board Secretary