

Minutes

August 12, 2025– Board Meeting

On August 12, 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, 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 Session Minutes of August 12, 2025
- 5) Disbursements for August 2025
- 6) Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2025
- 7) Budget Report for July 31, 2025
- 8) End of month July 31, 2025 Monthly Operation Summation

Trustee Latif made a motion to use the consent agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. 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; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0)

Chair Ruchti then indicated that he would entertain a motion to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Onan made a motion to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. 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; T. Ewert; K. Smith; S. Latif; A. Onan
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT **August 2025 – Disbursements**

ACCT. #	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DUE
2920	FICA Withholding Taxes (EE Portion)	Jul-25	3,166.32
2921	Federal Withholding Taxes	Jul-25	4,715.97
2922	IL Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	988.34
2923	WI Department of Revenue	Monthly Remittance	962.74
7205	FICA Withholding Taxes (ER Portion)	Jul-25	3,166.32
7255	Correll Co.	Jul-25 Pension	7,167.37
7211	Commonwealth Edison	Jul-25 Electricity	95.15
7211	Direct Energy	Jun-Jul-25 Electricity	34,714.64
7215	Pace Analytical Services	Sample Testing	1,033.00

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7221	Hawkins	Chlorine Shipment	2,180.60
7221	Nalco	Nalclear Shipment	5,916.08
7221	USALCO	Aluminum Sulfate Shipment	8,339.10
7222	Amazon Capital Services	Misc. Supplies	435.01
7222	CCP Direct	Misc. Supplies	377.85
7222	Cintas	First Aid Supplies	64.22
7222	Hach	Lab Supplies	701.59
7222	Idexx	Lab Supplies	1,875.40
7223	Allan Integrated Control Systems	Pressure Transmitter Calibrations	5,440.00
7223	Lakeland/Larsen Elevator	Elevator Repairs	502.50
7223	Marmon Industrial Water	Maintenance Supplies	2,049.04
7223	ProFlow Pumping Solutions	Maintenance Supplies	2,696.56
7225	Concentric Integration	Support Services	2,240.00
7225	Hansen Associates, Inc.	September-25 Copier Maintenance	65.00
7231	DeLage Financial	September-25 Copier Lease	161.76
7232	AT&T	Telephone Service	1,124.98
7232	Verizon	Telephone Service	667.05
7234	ODP Business Solutions	Office Supplies	79.18
7235	AARP - Health	Health Insurance - Diane Fragassi - Sep-25	479.00
7235	AARP - Prescription	RX Coverage - Diane Fragassi - Sep-25	89.20
7235	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	September-25 Health Insurance	14,603.13
7235	EM Benefits(Delta Dental)	September-25 Dental/Vision	632.20
7235	Johnston, Karen	Deductible Reimbursement	7,434.13
7235	Madison, James	Deductible Reimbursement	1,774.71
7235	Principal Insurance	September-25 Disability/AD&D	803.06
7236	Pronto Signs	Vinyl Sign for New Truck	220.00
7241	Your Payroll Dept.	Payroll Fees - Jul-25	225.52
7242	Fuqua Winter Ltd.	Legal Services - Jul-25	1,125.00
7251	Correll Co.	Investment Services	1,074.00
7251	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Donation in memory of Doug Jaeger	100.00
7251	Thompson, Jeremy	Gift on for Marriage	100.00
		Total	\$119,585.72

FIRST BANKCARD

	Acct. 7222	Misc. Supplies	192.14
	Acct. 7234	Office Supplies	33.16

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	Acct. 7236	Transportation	1,046.41
	Acct. 7237	Meetings/Seminars	178.77
		Total First Bankcard	1,450.48
		Grand Total - Operations	\$121,036.20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Update of Loan Application for funding from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP)** – General Manager Thompson communicated that he engaged in a discussion with Mike Foley of Baxter & Woodman to ascertain the status of our funding through the State Revolving Fund for this year. Regrettably, we did not attain the required scores to secure this funding, and the prospects for obtaining bypass funding in the upcoming year appear unfavorable. Should the District secure funding next year, it would result in the postponement of our project start dates to 2027. He stated that he and Secretary Johnston had assembled a list of alternative financing options. The discussion included an overview of the critical projects followed.
- **Update of 2025 Truck Purchase** – General Manager Thompson indicated that on Monday, July 14, he and Operator Pintescu went to Gillespie Ford in Gurnee to collect the District's new Ford F250 Super Duty. Following the installation of the drop-in bedliner by Gillespie Ford the subsequent week, all bid specification details have been satisfactorily fulfilled. On August 6, we have a scheduled appointment with Pronto Signs in Waukegan for the installation of the logo.
- **2025 Intake Inspection** – General Manager Thompson stated that on Tuesday, July 1, Midwest Marine Contractors carried out the District's annual intake inspection. He stated that he had not yet had the chance to thoroughly review the inspection report, as it was only received late Friday afternoon. A copy of that report was included in the board packet. He conducted a comparison with the report from the previous year. Midwest Marine reports that the Michels Corporation repair sleeve appears to be in good condition, and all the bents are stable and have not shifted since the previous year. Since the last inspection, the intake has become significantly more exposed. Some of the hardware on the riser inside the cone requires replacement soon, and with it being approximately 50% full, a cleaning is necessary in the near future. Discussion of this project followed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **1MG Elevated Tank Inspection** – General Manager Thompson stated that he was in the process of arranging an inspection of the District's 1MG elevated tank for October. It has been at least 15 years since the most recent inspection. There have been two proposals for the inspection by remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) received thus far. Tank Industrial Consultants for \$7,200.00 and Midco Diving & Marine Services for \$6,731.00. General Manager Thompson indicated that he will likely proceed with Midco unless a more competitive quote is obtained.

However, since writing this memo, it had come to his attention that the high side pump in Zion requires a new seal. He stated that it is essential to prioritize this repair, as the high side pumps must operate continuously to maintain pressure when the elevated tank is out of service. He expressed his intention to complete the repair promptly to ensure that the inspection can still occur in October. The project was subsequently discussed.

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- ➔ **Community Solar Subscription** – General Manager Thompson stated that had a meeting with Adam Hoover from Nimec on July 14th to discuss enrolling the District in a Community Solar Subscription. Community Solar subscribers offset a portion of their electricity consumption with power generated by shared solar resources within their utility's territory. This works by having multiple subscribers share a single solar farm. The electricity generated by the solar farm is added to the grid and delivered to customers by Commonwealth Edison. The District would be required to sign a 20-year contract which guarantees ten percent savings on the delivery rate for all three of the District's electricity accounts. With a projected Commonwealth Edison rate of \$0.08, the District would receive an estimated savings of \$15,025.00 per year, or around \$300,000.00 over the course of the 20-year contract. If the board is interested, General Manager Thompson recommends that Adam Hoover attend the September 9, 2025 board meeting to provide a more detailed explanation and address any questions. Several board members indicated that they thought this was a good idea. Attorney Winter indicated that he had reviewed the contract and had some reservations about the contract and felt that there should be further discussion before asking Mr. Hoover to address the board, and Attorney Winter could not be at the September meeting. Discussion of this project followed.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ➔ **IDPH Fluoride Compliance Award** – General Manager Thompson included a certificate that the District received for fluoride compliance from the Illinois Department of Health.

Trustee Smity 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