

**Ames Lake Water Association
Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2023
7:00 P.M**

Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order

David Hoffmann called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Ames Lake Water Association (ALWA) at 7:06 PM on November 14, 2023. The meeting was conducted at the ALWA business office with some Board members participating via teleconference. The following Board members were present in addition to Mr. Hoffmann: Sherri Zucker, Michael Bicak, Merlyn Blue and David Beecher.

Also present: Jeremy Reier (ALWA System Manager), Christine Lemons (ALWA Business Manager) and Richard Jonson (Jonson and Jonson).

- Changes or Additions to Agenda - None.

- Business from the Floor. None

- Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed contents of the Consent Agenda, containing:

- Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting,
- Membership Transfers,
- Water Loss Adjustments, and
- Aging Accounts.

Merlyn moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Dave B. seconded. All approved.

- Financial Reports and Membership Count

- Check List & EFT Approval

Sherri moved to approve the check list. Dave B. seconded. All approved.

- Consultant Reports.

- Jonson & Jonson. Mr. Jonson reviewed pending PFAS class action litigation and the option of being excluded from the litigation and settlements. He recommended that the Association engage the Marten Law firm for legal services that pertain to the litigation.

David B. moved to authorize engaging the Marten Law firm for legal services relating to PFAS Class Action litigation and to opt out of the litigation and settlements. Sherri seconded. All approved.

- Gray & Osborne. none

- System Manager Report

- Water Use, Maintenance and Repairs
 - Water usage and unaccounted for water was reviewed. Jeremy provided updated charts with gallonage figures and reviewed system maintenance and repair activities. He stated that Keith passed his WDM 1 test but won't qualify

as a WDM 1 until his one year experience requirement is satisfied. Upcoming projects were reviewed. Changes to Rules will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

David B. moved to authorize a \$250 bonus for Keith. Merlyn seconded. All approved.

- Business Manager Report
 - Christine provided updates on office activities, banking, cash flow, accounts receivable, budget vs actual status and loan balances. Extra \$250k annual lump sum payments to First Security Bank for principal reduction in the loan were discussed. She requested approval of the IRS Form 990 for the year ending April 30, 2023 as previously circulated.

Sherri moved to approve the IRS Form 990 as presented. Merlyn seconded. All approved.

- G-O Rate analysis memo and rate tiers were reviewed. Jeremy and Christine were requested to analyze the economic effects of simplifying the tiered rate structure and to present a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Merlyn exited the meeting at 8:38 pm.
 - Scholarships and rate relief to low income members were reviewed along with examples from Tanner Electric and Union Hill Water Assn. Christine was requested to investigate the feasibility of the Assn adopting a Roundup type program similar to that used by Tanner Electric.
- New Business – None.
 - Business from the Board – None.
 - Review of Action Items – None.
 - Executive Session – None.
 - Adjournment
 - David Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm

Minutes prepared by Richard Jonson, counsel.