

**Ames Lake Water Association
Board of Directors Meeting April 9, 2024
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 7:00 PM on April 9, 2024. 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, Mark Freeman, Jeff Villnow, David Beecher, Michael Bicak, and Merlyn Blue.

Also present: Jeremy Reier (ALWA System Manager), Christine Lemons (ALWA Business Manager), Keenan Ferar (Gray & Osborne) 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 March, 2024 Board Meeting,
- Membership Transfers,
- Water Loss Adjustments, and
- Aging Accounts.

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

- Financial Reports and Membership Count

Michael moved to approve the check list. Merlyn seconded. All approved.

- Consultant Reports.

- Jonson & Jonson. None.
- Gray & Osborne. None.

- System Manager Report

- Water usage and unaccounted for water was reviewed. Jeremy provided updated charts with gallonage figures.
- System maintenance and repair activities.
 - Jeremy discussed maintenance of blowoff assemblies, repair of check valves, maintenance of the excavator and trailer, and grubbing to improve meter reading.
 - Jeremy discussed performance issues at the Carnation well and tests being performed to diagnose the issues.
- Upcoming projects
 - Jeremy briefed the Board on EPA revisions to lead and copper rules.
 - TBPSs Phase 3 permit applications were submitted to King County.

- Daniels Ranch well maintenance work will be scheduled pending budget approval.
 - Main break on 280th
 - Jeremy described the main break on 280th, including issues that lead to the break and ALWA personnel response times.
 - Other
 - Work continued on the emergency response plan and associated SOPs, and annexation of 4 parcels to SPWSD.
 - From the Washington Operators' Workshop: loan funding will drop in 2028; the number of certified water operators has been declining for 23 years.
- Business Manager Report
 - Christine provided updates on office activities, banking, cash flow, accounts receivable, budget vs actual status, loan balances and discussions with The Salvation Army regarding a round up program to provide assistance in paying water bills for financially distressed members.
 - Christine reviewed the FY25 draft budget.

Jeff moved to approve the FY25 budget as presented by Christine. Michael seconded. All Approved.

- New Business – None.
- Business from the Board – None.
- Review of Action Items – None.
- Executive Session
 - The Board went into Executive Session at 9:04 pm to discuss legal matters with counsel; returned to regular session at 9:08 pm.
 - The Board went back into Executive Session at 9:23 pm to review personnel matters and Jeremy, Christine, Keenan, and Dick departed. The Board returned to regular session at 9:49 pm.
- Adjournment
 - David Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm

Minutes prepared by Jeff Villnow, Secretary.