**EAST RANGE WATER BOARD**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024 4:30 P.M.**

**City/Town Government Center**

***Appointed Board Members for City of Aurora:*** *Douglas Gregor, Chairman of the Board; David Skelton; Dennis Schubbe;*

***Appointed Board Members for the Town of White:*** *Jon Skelton, Vice Chairman of the Board; Clark Niemi;*

***Absent Board Members:***

***Others Present:*** *Jodi Knaus (TOW); Kimberly Berens (COA); Richard Hess (COA Councilor); Jim Gentilini (COA); Joshua Stier (Bolton-Menk (Zoom)); Brian Guldan (Bolten-Menk (Zoom)); Robert Rutka;*

1. A board meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregor at 4:30 P.M.

2. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes & Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2024
2. Treasurer’s Report – Interim Financing: $143,681.57; Biwabik Fund: $72,132.56; Total: $215,814.13
3. Correspondence – Copy of letter sent to Magney Construction
4. Approval of Disbursements:
5. Bolton & Menk - $117,844.00 to be paid out of IRRR funds
6. Utility Systems of America - $687,593.28; paid out of EPA funds & IRRR FUNDS
7. Fryberger Law Firm - $3,359.51
8. Fryberger Law Firm – $634.50

**IT WAS MOVED BY JON SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DENNIS SCHUBBE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. MOTION CARRIED**

3. Legal matters – Updates including but not limited to:

* 1. Scenic Acres – No pending legal matters
  2. Creation of New Legal Entity Timeline & Guidance – involve Hoyt Lakes in discussion

1. Guests – Robert Rutka presented to the Board the cleared area & removal of trees on the side of the roadway would be a perfect opportunity to build a bike path/walkway for citizens. Jon Skelton directed Knaus to put on the Township agenda and Strategic Plan as it is a great idea.
2. Construction Management Updates – Bolton & Menk – June 2024 Status Report
   1. Funding Initiatives & Cumulative Accounting

* Interim Financing Allonge was approved to July 1, 2025 and copies were included in Board packet for review.
  1. Engineering Work – Josh & Brian updated the Water Board on the status of Project and reviewed the schedule.

1. Construction Updates – mobilization for water plant begins next week with Magney; trees are cleared in Scenic; permit was submitted for crossing the lake; Pineville lines are in and tested – waiting for results; Piping not used in Project under Change Order #2 is at the Aurora Public Works garage to be used for the Aurora Economic Development Project and bought by City of Aurora; David Skelton wants to see accountability of pipe swapping with City of Aurora Project and how that affects the Water Project costs – the pipe was paid for by the water project in which the contractor owns and sold to Aurora; this needs to be transparent so everyone understands the financials of the transaction and it should be clear in the documents.

2.) Project Labor Agreement with Magney Status – Three contractors cannot comply with the PLA –

plumber, caulking, and fencer causing a $181,000 cost increase to the PLA. Change order will be coming. Meeting needs to be held with the Union prior to construction beginning.

**IT WAS MOVED BY DAVID SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY JON SKELTON APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER AS AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST WITH MAGNEY CONSTRUCTION. MOTION CARRIED**

3.) Barr Engineering Sensitivity Results – DNR has not signed off yet; original plans were conservative; there is a safety factor as we want to make sure we are at the right depth level – Jacob Crispo is managing this and a meeting with Erika will be scheduled.

c. Permitting & other Pending Items –

1.) Appropriations Permit – pending

2.) Contingency Agreement – pending

6. Community Outreach – Plan ribbon cutting event for August 21, 2024 at water plant as part of the regular meeting

7. Other Business:

a.) St. James Pit & current water plant updates – lots of rain!

8.) Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 4:30 p.m.

9.) Adjournment

**MOVED BY CLARK NIEMI, SUPPORTED BY DENNIS SCHUBBE TO ADJOURN AT 5:13 PM. MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Knaus, Administrative Recorder