

GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 19, 2021  
Held at Gerrish Township Hall  
2997 E Higgins Lake Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653

This meeting was held in person with members from Fleis & Vandenbrink, on Zoom call.

Regular meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Present: Dave Udy, Leasa Tulgetske, Eric Carlson, Bill Lamb, Dave Hall, Jerry McKenna and Tom Metcalf. Also, present: 12 citizen(s)

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA Motion by Tom Metcalf, supported by Jerry McKenna: CARRIED that the agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF July 12, 2021, MEETING MINUTES Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Bill Lamb: CARRIED that the July 12, 2021, meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Old Business:

Dave Hall is working on a GLUA logo.

Jerry McKenna is working on a GLUA mission statement. Should add health & safety to the mission statement.

Corporate business grant funding

New Business:

Bill Lamb is working on letter to the DNR for the sale of property for new proposed WWTF site. DNR will retain 60 acres for natural wildlife and recreational use, while the other 60 acres is being proposed for the new WWTF site.

Jerry McKenna & Dave Hall are working a frequently asked questions document to be placed on the township's websites.

Eric Carlson & Tom Metcalf are looking into website contractors.

Fleis & Vandenbrink gave a presentation on the overview of the WWTF.

Public Comments/Questions: A resident voiced his concern about emphasizing too much on moving the site out of the Higgins Lake watershed and we should address the health and safety issues.

Q: Is this a zero-discharge system? A: Yes.

Q: What is the cost of a STEP System vs a complete sewer system? A: Different system types were investigated, and complete sewer system is approximately 30%-40% more.

Q: What is the estimated cost of the STEP System? A: Total Estimated Project Cost \$130,000,000.

Q: What revenues sources are available for the project? A: Government funding, grants, an earmark request has been submitted to Senator Stabenow's office. Discussions have taken place with Representative Moolenaar and Bergman's office for State and Federal funding.

Q: What is the life span of the system? A: Typically, the pressure system/tanks are good for 75-100 years. Pumps are repaired/replaced in 10-15 years. Treatment Facility Infrastructure 50-75 years.

Q: Will additional power be needed to be installed? A: Yes

Q: What is the annual cost for the operation. A: The cost is figured in with the whole project cost.

Q: Does the total cost include stand by power? A: Yes.

Q: Clarification was asked on which utility authority we were using. Are we using the HLUA (Higgins Lake Utility Authority) or GLUA (Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority)? A: GLUA.

Q: When will everyone be hooked up? A: 2025-2026-Connect customers to system.

Q: What is the start to finish timeline? A: 2021, Public Participation, funding, begin special assessment (SAD) district proceedings. 2022, Complete SAD, engineer design. 2023-2024, Project construction. 2025-2026-Connect customers to system.

Q: What watershed will the treated water be released into? Believed to be the Houghton Lake Watershed. This will be investigated further by Fleis & Vandenbrink.

Eric Carlson asked what was the acreage footprint of the WWTF? A: 5 acres depending on the actual size of the site, 30 acres for drain beds depending on soil conditions and additional acreage for future development. GLUA Articles of Incorporation will be discussed at the next meeting.

Tom Metcalf asked for clarification of what were the GLUA responsibilities. A: Maintenance of pump, tank, sewer line and removal of solids. Residents would be responsible for lateral line to the tank and electric power to run the pump.

Announcements: None

Motion by Eric Carlson, supported by Bill Lamb: CARRIED that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

---

Leasa Tulgetske, Secretary

---

Approved