

**PONTOON BEACH PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT
3959 PONTOON RD
PONTOON BEACH, IL 62040**

**MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Pontoon Beach Public Water District was called to order by Chairman Hankins at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call as follows:

Present: Douglas Crites, Chris Hankins Thomas Hansen, Dan Rinehart, Scott Smallie, Lorri Tanksley, District Manager Terry Kreher

Absent: William Arnold

Chairman Hankins asked if everyone received the minutes of the last meeting that were distributed through email. Motion to accept minutes made by Scott Smallie, second by Lorri Tanksley. Ayes carried.

District Manager Terry Kreher presented the board with the list of bills and monthly credit card statement for review. Motion to approve bills as presented made by Scott Smallie, second by Douglas Crites. Chairman Hankins called for a roll call vote. Unanimous.

CORRESPONDANCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Required storage tank and booster station. The Illinois EPA is requiring the water district to have one days worth of water storage, which is roughly 275,000 gallons. District Manager Kreher reached out to Illinois American Water to see if they would provide a letter stating that their water storage would be enough to cover the water district. Illinois American Water declined to provide a letter due to a variance they filed stating that the water district should have their own storage tanks. Pontoon Beach Public Water District is now required to install a storage tank and provide the Illinois EPA notice that a tank is being built. After the storage tank is built the water district would go from being a class D water district to a class C water district. Building the tank would be a large financial commitment for the water district. There is a loan forgiveness program that can be used that will forgive 50% of the loan amount for a term of 30 years with a 1.5% interest rate. In order to take on the cost of the tank the water district would have to increase the rate for customers. District Manager Kreher sent a letter to Illinois State Senator Erica Harriss and Illinois State Representative Amy Elik seeking any financial assistance possible. Both have contacted District Manager Kreher to discuss the matter and see if

anything can be done for the water district. A motion to conduct a study regarding building a storage tank not to exceed \$15,000 made by Scott Smallie second by Douglas Crites. Chairman Hankins called for a roll call vote. Unanimous.

Dan Rinehart came into the meeting at 7:03.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

None

Chairman Hankins asked for any additional remarks or comments. Hearing none, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Smallie, second by Douglas Crites. Ayes carried.

The next regular meeting will be March 6, 2024.

Secretary

Chairman