

Call to Order

Supervisor Boyd called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Hettich – Treasurer; Boyd – Supervisor; Keith – Trustee; Prince – Trustee; Perrin – Clerk

Citizens Comments

Steven Kitler, Clam Lake Twp Supervisor/LMSA Board Member: Support re-appointment of Mike Boyd to Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority. Has enjoyed working with Mike Boyd. Boyd was also recommended by the Sewer Authority for re-appointment.

Jackie Erway: Not here for or against Mike Boyd. Would just like the Board to have a good posting of the position, because it wasn't mentioned at last month's meeting. In order to get good, qualified candidates, should have posted in more and better places. Lake Mitchell Property Owners Board would like sewer users on the LMSA board. It is a board of 5 people and not one of them has a home on the sewer system. Would like the open positions to be posted where people will see them. Feels that the Sewer Authority keeps shutting down their attempts to get sewer users on the Sewer Authority's board. Wants qualified people on the board that will know the correct questions to ask. Feels the Sewer Authority just rubber stamps everything and that Wade Trim engineering is running everything. Wants fresh faces on the sewer authority board who have experience and education that maybe some don't have. Wants transparency and background to know the questions to ask.

Dave Stinger (Cherry Grove resident): Believes this was the worst case of backdoor posting; believes it was intended to make sure the same people got on the board. It was posted on the sewer website, which is very seldom accurate nor on time; people don't even bother with it. They stick it [position posting] on the window at the sewer building where the only people that will see it is the people who pay there. Selma Twp did not mention it in their meeting for their twp people to see it. Cherry Grove didn't even have minutes out when they talked about it in their meeting. Cherry Grove hasn't posted any minutes since September. This makes people have a hard time believing this was all fair and above board; it was intended to have the same members back in.

Confirmation of Mike
Boyd to LMSA

Board members received copies of minutes of LMSA in which Mike Boyd was nominated for re-appointment to the board of Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority, and nomination was approved unanimously. This is a 3 year term. **Motion to confirm re-appointment of Mike Boyd to the Board of Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority – Perrin/Keith – Pe,K,H,Pr – all yes**

Citizens Comments

Bob Cole: Requested they get a chance to review the drawings when they are available. He would like to work together on them and help. Believes the upgrade to the sewer system is a good thing. Thank you for working together for the good of the sewer system.

Mike Boyd: Drawings will be available to view when the board gets them; still in process of the loan; it will then be put out for bids for contractors. The loan is up to 9 million dollars; board is hoping it will be a lot less than that. We tried to apply for grants; were told the property owners around the lake had a median income that was too high to qualify for grants. Boyd is hoping the new infrastructure bill plan may have money available for upgrading the sewer system. The LMSA has looked into different ways to finance this upgrade. County got some money; hoping the County will kick some in, as Boyd believes they should have done a better job in keeping up the sewer system. Boyd believes sewer rates should have been raised incrementally during that 40 year period in order to have the money to take care the sewer system. We are also under the gun from EGLE (formerly known as DEQ), where we have to do these repairs/upgrades to sewer system, or there is a good chance EGLE will do it for us and the cost could be great. Boyd would like to assure everyone that all the avenues for financing, getting sewer system up to date, have been researched thoroughly. Raising rates has to be done; trying their best to keep sewer system from backing up into homes, the lake. Doing the best job we can. Not trying to hide anything; all are welcome to come to the meetings. We do not just rubber stamp things; we ask to have things explained to us, and work with the information we have. We are working together for the good of the residents and the sewer system.

Hettich: Regarding the original sewer: When Selma Twp paid off the bonds, Selma Twp residents received refund checks that were over and above what they paid in because Selma Twp invested that money so wisely. We are all doing the best we can.

Board Comments

None

Adjournment

5:16 PM

Carol Perrin, Clerk
December 30, 2021