Minutes for Annual Meeting November 14, 2024

Chairman: Thomas Doolittle

Jake Miller

Commissioners: James Bubash

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were, Tom Doolittle, Jim Bubash, Jake Miller, Lynn Doolittle, Secretary and Jack Richtman, Attorney.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting on November 9, 2023 were read and approved by the commissioners.

The Annual Report was read, approved and signed by the commissioners.

Cash Balance on September 30, 2023	\$56,472.71
Total Receipts	\$16,472.63
Total Disbursements	\$15,675.58
Cash Balance on September 30, 2024	\$57,269.76

The Annual Levy for 100% of the levied maintenance assessment was approved and signed.

Outstanding bills were submitted to the commissioners:

Richtman & Richtman, Attorney \$1,834.32 IADD annual membership 50.00 IADD Legal Defense Fund, Inc 25.00

Bliss-McKnight Liability Insurance: Invoice will come in January

Commissioners Approved renewal and to pay this invoice when it comes.

The commissioners approved the payment of these invoices and the vouchers were signed. Lynn will get these to the county for payment.

Old Business

Brandt property still needs 3 bushes for her easement agreement. Tom and Lynn discussed it with her and she wants the Globe Arborvitae. She said she would get back to us to verify that is the bush she wants and where the placement will be. We have not heard back from her. We got an estimate for 3 Woodward Arborvitai at \$135 each and they would be 24-36". We will try to get this done in the spring.

We had Buss Landscaping mow the ditch banks and take a tree out of the ditch in September 2024 and it looks real nice.

New Business

We have decided to allow \$12,000 to be spent on projects for the upcoming year. If more is needed we will have another meeting to approve it. The commissioners agreed to the amount and approved the expenditure.

For projects, this winter we need to cut brush on the ditch and again mow the ditch banks next summer. We will check to see if anything needs to be cleaned out of the ditch as well.

We discussed the Lake County Board wanting to dissolve the Slocum Lake DD and what that means for our district. We will be keeping an eye on this situation.

Other business:

Information on Drainage District Responsibilities was passed out for the commissioners to read later.

We advised the commissioners and our lawyer that they should attend the IADD Conference in January. It is a good conference with lots of information.

Jack Richtman suggested that the commissioners should be taking a \$30 a day per diem when work is being done on the ditch. This is allowed under Illinois State drainage district code. We will keep that in mind. To date the commissioners have never taken anything for their work on the ditch.

Jim Bubash's term was up this year and the County Board was supposed to have reappointed him this week at their November board meeting. Jim will let us know when he gets the paperwork.

Jack says that being a commissioner is based on land ownership in the district and not on residency in the district.

Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Doolittle