

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2023  
Held at Lyon Township Hall  
7851 W. Higgins Lake Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653

Regular meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. Present: Jim Barnwell, Phil Czech, Bill Lamb, Jerry McKenna, Eric Carlson, and Tom Metcalf. Dave Hall absent.

APPROVAL OF September 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Phil Czech, supported by Bill Lamb: CARRIED that the September 11, 2023 Minutes be approved as presented.

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

Old Business:

1. Update status of project plan - Gerrish Township has moved to start work on assessment roll. Lyon Township has not.
  - a) Hydrogeological Investigation/discharge permit – still working with regulatory agencies EGLE, DNR, Road Commission, and utilities. Have done 5 boring samples and working with EGLE to try to get the number down to 15 – 20 needed for their evaluation to set standards. Hopefully it can start in one to two months.
2. Business Plan Update – Phil Czech to meet this week to set up banking account with Huntington Bank. Needed to get EIN number which we now have.

New Business:

None at this time

Discussion:

1. Project – short term Assessment Role, additional mapping, and aerial photography.
2. Assessment Roll – objective to make fair and equitable. Common costs for WWTP and lateral runs, including vacant buildable lots. With around 4400 different parcels, REU's can be more than one category to account for varying factors and costs. This would likely be fairer and more equitable. Coordination is a big factor and using local contractors vs a large downstate contractor likely more efficient,

Public Comments:

Dave Kinific – Forest Dunes switched from a low pressure system to a septic system due to problems with grease and oil. Also velocity issues with low pressure systems need to be considered.

Tom Borchers – Have we done due diligence? Don't get the cart ahead of the horse, study all data first.

Jan Kreuger – Questioned the Catholic Church Yes petition.

Board comments

Tom Metcalf – Still do not have a project yet and are only in beginning stages. GLUA doesn't control petitions.

Phil Czech – He did not have any contact with the church and complimented HLU website. According to CMHD, nitrates are biggest concern, not phosphates. Septics don't address nitrates.

Bill Lamb – Concerned about funding and it will be top priority.

Jerry McKenna – Talked with Missoula Montana and their 25 years + experience with STEP system.

Eric Carlson – After 3-1/2 years we are still in the same place due to the process. Any system will require plenty of maintenance. Special Assessment role will take many, many months. It won't be fast and it won't be easy.

Jim Barnwell – Some funding grants are available. CWSRF geared more towards existing systems. We need to look at multiple options to save residents' money. A GLUA website would be beneficial to have one source people could go to.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Metcalf, supported by Phil Czech. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.