

# GLUA Special Workshop Meeting

## APPROVED MINUTES

GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD

Special Workshop Meeting 5:30 pm

March 11, 2024

Held at Gerrish Township Hall

2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive

Roscommon, MI 48653

Called to order at 5:33 pm. Present: Jim Barnwell, Phil Czech, Jerry McKenna, Eric Carlson, and Dave Hall. Bill Lamb and Tom Metcalf absent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion by Phil Czech, supported by Dave Hall: CARRIED that the agenda be approved as presented.

PRESENTATION: Gary Bartow and Scott Hall from Fleis & Vanderbrink to present status of Project Plan and implementation options.

- Soil boring results look promising so far. Next step for F & V to produce field report for Preliminary Design Application Requirements for EGLE.
- Time is of the essence to contract aerial photography before tree foliage occurs.
- Gary spoke that given the number of variables involved between properties, it would be more equitable for the homeowner to be involved, working with one of 3-4 local contractors, in arriving at most suitable placement and timing for the lateral work to be done.
- Feels it is a positive for the homeowner as far as cost and convenience. Working with the local contractors would avoid the markups passed along from a general contractor and allow more flexibility in scheduling.
- GLUA could sell the STEP Tanks, Pumps, & Control Panels, avoiding another markup from the contractors. GLUA would issue permits, qualify contractors, and handle inspections.
- Gary stated that municipal bonds may be more attractive right now as compared to other loan programs.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dave Knific said it is a problem asking homeowners to take on more when they lack the knowledge. Also stated lower income homes will see a greater expense when it comes to electrical hookup. More chance an upgrade will be required.
- Jackie Burch asked what the cost per foot is for the laterals and to consider what the costs are to the homeowner.
- Shirley Jarminski said GLUA continues to shove this down our throats.

### BOARD COMMENTS:

-Dave Hall stated the Island is important and part of the project. It is the effluent in the septic that is the problem, no matter how often it is pumped.

- Eric Carlson said Lyon Township has passed a septic ordinance which will require inspection and testing. Info on website.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Phil Czech, supported by Eric Carlson. Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm.