

**TWO LAKE COLLABORATIVE SEWER AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022
6:00 PM, FARR CENTER, ONEKAMA**

Meeting Called To Order By Chair Person David Meister At 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Shelly Lynnes (BLV), Judy Girven (PTWP), Jeff Harthun (BLTWP), David Meister (OTWP), Eric Williams (Attorney), Shelli Johnson (Contractor, PH Recorder).

Also in attendance, with the project: Brian Sousa (Lead Engineer, Wade Trim) and Ken Schwerdt (Wade Trim).

Purpose of the Meeting: Receive comments from the public on the sewer project. The Board will then determine to proceed ahead with the application.

Sousa explained an abridged version of the sewer project and the location of coverage. Sousa explained that when the project was started, USDA RD needed a site listed on the application as to where a "proposed" facility may be located. Sousa approached Meister asking if he knew of any property that may be available to do a soil test on. Meister told Sousa that he may know of a parcel and asked his brother if he would be willing to show his property on the map, for that purpose only. There are NO agreements in place, NO contracts in place, there has been NO property purchased for the facility to be located here. There has been no design done at this point. It was for soil testing only, as required for the USDA RD Application. We are trying to get this application process submitted to get funding information back. The funding will probably be a mixture of Grant and Loan. We aren't going to find out any of those figures until we get this application submitted. We don't know what any of those percentages are until we get this information submitted. The process from here moving forward, if the application is submitted (which has to be 60 days from the date we posted this meeting), USDA RD reviews it, there's dialog back and forth with questions, then we expect to receive a Letter Of Conditions from USDA. The Letter of Conditions is what says they will fund the project, at "x" amount of loan and "x" amount of grant. It also gives the percentage rate that we would be locked in at, unless it goes down, then we'd be locked in at the lower rate. We just want to find out what is this going to cost so that we can make good, sound decisions. Once we get that Letter of Conditions, then it's in front of the TLSA Board, they take that back to their individual municipalities and decide to move forward or not. The make-up in the communities qualifies us for up to 75% Grant. Can't guarantee that, but we don't know that until we apply.

Meister explained the sewer line that runs around Portage Lake, as it doesn't run all the way around the lake as the Village has the remainder of it.

Motion by Harthun, Second by Girven to Open the Public Hearing at 6:11 PM. M/C

Karen McCarthy, 6589 Three Pines Rd, Bear Lake. In Favor of Project. Related to many individuals in the area, but lives out of state. Thanked the Board, she wants everyone treated fairly. Everybody in the district's sewage is going on (potentially) one person's property. Is that fair? They should be

compensated. **Where are the solids going?** It appears to be an unfair parcel way of paying. I have 3 parcels, in Pleasanton Twp. I have a garage on a parcel that will never get developed. You're charging per parcel that aren't combined and are contiguous, you're charging way too much. **Why do I have to pay double? What about the poor and elderly that cannot afford this?**

Libby Schleiffarth, no address given. Submitted questions previously to Meister, which will be submitted to the Board. Questions submitted to the Board on the Public Hearing:

1. Since the beginning of this project in 2018, what is the total cost as of 8/20/22?
2. According to the Amended 2019 Articles of Incorporation, Article 13, officers and Board Affairs, The Board shall prepare, adopt and submit to their respective legislative bodies of the constituent municipalities, an annual budget covering the proposed expenditures to be made for organizing operating, the Authority and for the necessary funds required from each constituent municipality for the next fiscal year beginning January 1. Such budget shall be submitted to each constituent municipality on or before October 1 of the previous fiscal. No budget shall be adopted unless approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the members of the Board. **Where may I find copies of these budgets, the approval of the board of these budgets and the dates of the presentation of the budgets to the four municipalities?** I have read the minutes of the TLSA posted on the website. While the minutes state approval of expenditures and fund balances, they do not provide the actual fiscal year budgets from 2018-2022. **I would also like to see a breakdown of expenditures paid from the SAW and MCCF grants.**

Theresa DeKhois, 6410 Three Pines Rd, Bear Lake. **If the people in Pleasanton Twp vote for the Sewer Project, but the people in Bear Lake don't vote for it, what happens?**

Williams: As a collective group, if any entity backs out, the group backs out.

Margaret White, 2363 Lakelsle. Wants the Applications submitted so that she can make her decision after she finds out the costs associated with the project.

Catherine Bradford, 8368 Portage Point Drive. **What happens when we file for the grant, will the property owners have an opportunity to be surveyed (polled/questioned)?**

Williams: As part of the application process, another public hearing is to be held to give the property owners a chance to put in their voice as to being in favor or against the project.

Bradford requested a survey to be done.

Sousa: Once the Letter of Conditions is received, we are under no obligation to move forward.

Meister: I received a letter today requesting a property to be removed from the district because he was against it. It's 20% of those opposed for a Blocking Petition or 50.1 in favor to move forward. Those people have to send a letter, not sign a petition.

Williams: What David is talking about is if and when the project gets to the Special Assessment phase, it's not there. You're not having Special Assessment Hearings, we're still in the process of getting the application to USDA. If and when the project gets through financing through USDA, you guys have an idea of how much it's going to cost, through grant funding and loan, and how

much through user fees and Special Assessments Districts. Then having a Hearing on it, if 20% or more of the property owners and land area file written objections on the Special Assessment then, the Special Assessment doesn't go forward unless a written petition is signed by at least 50% or more of the property owners of land area.

Gregory Berg, 8333 Lake St. Doesn't feel Bear Lake is getting polluted so he is NOT in favor of the project. If a gigantic meteorite fell into the lake were to pollute it, maybe. So far it's been part of a glacier and part of a swamp but it seems to be an awful lot of money for something for something that we really don't need right now. I think it would be better to have someone as a sewer inspector to go around and if they aren't working correctly, I just know that my septic is 227 feet from the lake so I don't think it's going to pollute the lake. Plus, I just spent several thousand dollars a few years ago to have a new one put in. My neighbor right across the lake just spent \$20,000 to put in a new septic because he's lucky. He has an upstairs and a downstairs septic. As the commission states, well, if you live on the lake you have enough money to pay for this. Well, I have a lot on the lake and I don't have enough money. But don't worry it'll be a long time. I won't have to worry because I'll be about 130 years old. My kids will have to pay for it.

Sheila Wissner, 7609 Norconk Rd. My family has 2 parcels on Bear Lake that are non-buildable. **Is that map the final map?**

Sousa: Yes.

Wissner: **Can that map be changed?**

Sousa: If there's a lot that's not considered to be un-buildable by the Authority Board, it's my understanding that those lots can be taken off.

Karen Eckert, 8623 Bayview. Many people are non-resident homeowners. **Will we have an opportunity to vote?**

Meister: You don't have to be a registered voter, you just have to own the property.

Eckert: Some of the properties are land locked in terms of putting in a more efficient septic system, so the idea of taking care of our own isn't necessarily true. I am in FAVOR of the project. The lakes have been here a long time and are relatively clean. Chances are that by the time this comes in I won't even be here but I want this for everybody else. As far as petitions and surveys, we have people here. This is not representative by the people affected by this and I want to at least know what the project is going to look like. I want to know what's it going to cost and what's it going to look like. At the very least you've been working on this, you continue, that you continue to put in the application. People have the information and can make an informed decision.

Karen Mayhew, 9420 Lakeside Ave. My questions have to do with the 300 questions, that seem to have the same answers. **Why aren't the properties at Andy's Point included in the plan?** Those properties are probably the most at risk around here as far as I know. When you look for the answers to that it refers you to Act 368 which refers you to the hook ups. The Lake Michigan properties, when you ask why are they included in it, it refers you back to the Portage Lake Watershed. It's not in the Portage

Lake Watershed. I can't find a report that says that when septic systems are installed correctly on Lake Michigan are any risk to anyone. Question No. 280 states that if a municipality opts out of the plan that the TLSA can vote to proceed, but it was contradicted.

Meister: We, as a board, didn't answer as a board, it was turned over to others to answer. We could go back to the drawing board and proceed.

Williams: It means that you can move forward, if one unit drops out the majority of the board feels that there isn't enough to proceed. There's not going to be some legal mandate that says you cannot proceed. In theory, when you drop one unit, the remaining units continue to remain moving forward. The practical manner is that there isn't enough to make the project to move forward if you drop out a unit or two. I think that's how you reconcile the answer.

Mayhew: **Will this Board stay intact moving forward with maintaining it?**

Williams: The Authority Board was formed for that purpose with investigating the project, design, finance it, put it together, and if it doesn't come together then the board won't have any ongoing purpose. If it comes together the board stays in operation with the system once its built.

Mayhew: That's a huge project, I assume you don't have any civil engineers, hydrologists.

Meister: We are not doing that work, we would hire someone to oversee doing that work.

Sousa: The Authority would hire on-staff certified or licensed operators to operate and maintain the system. Or the Authority could hire a company to fulfill this role.

Mayhew: Are these costs going to be in your plan? Sousa: Yes, that cost is in the cost of the Application

Sherri Spoolman, 13457 Lakeside Ave Bear Lake. Supports Moving Forward on the Application. Thanks the Board for the work. Had a cottage previously that was tore down and remembers years ago that there was word that we were going to get a sewer soon in the 90's. The septic started to fail when she purchased the property from her parents. She has heard comments that Bear Lake and Portage Lake are fine, they are healthy, there is nothing wrong with them, we don't need to do anything with them. We DO need to do this to keep them healthy and maintain them. They aren't as healthy. We have more people coming up here now, we have climate change and that is all hitting us. I know the cost is a huge factor. I don't need it, I have a new septic. I strongly support this project and hope to move forward.

Paul Hickman, 8698 Portage Point Dr. If you have 3 lots and your house is built on 1 of those 3 lots, would you be assessed for the other 2 lots?

Meister: If it's on 1 tax bill then it's different than 3 lots. You'd be assessed for 1 parcel. If there's separate tax ID numbers then it's assessed separately.

Hickman: **Once this is all done and funding is approved, how will people be notified?**

Williams: Notices of a Special Assessment District being formed will be sent to those properties on the tax roll (via USPS). You do not have to be a registered voter to object or be in favor of the project. You receive the Notice in the mail, there will be another Public Hearing to voice your opinion, it gets published in the newspaper, and the percentages are determined to move forward or not.

Mike Kroalik, 7658 Reeves. Not in favor of the Project. Seems pretty clear that this isn't being done to protect the lakes. These are two of the most cleanest lakes in Manistee County as they sit right now. **Who's responsible when something happens, like Manistee, when 1.2 million gallons gets dumped back into the lake? Who's responsible for that?**

Meister: (Looking at Sousa) Can you explain the difference between Manistee and this?

Sousa: Why that happens is because they have a Combined system (stormwater and sewer). Large rain events can overcharge the sewer and wastewater event and dumps sewage into the lake. They are going through the steps to try and separate those systems. The City of Manistee probably Pays Fines when that happens.

Kroalik: **Who Pays those fines if this happens to the TLSA system?**

Sousa: The Authority pays those fines.

Kroalik: I'm curious to find out how much sewage was discharged into the lake from the record high waters we had a few years ago, I'd like to see those figures, and like to see why we need this system based on those figures.

Elijah Hayes, 3943 Potter. Who's getting the water after it's cleaned?

Sousa: It's discharged into the ground.

Hayes: **What chemicals are in the water when it's being treated?**

Sousa: It depends on what type of plant it is and how it's being treated. EGLE tells us what can/can't be used.

Armin Schleiffarth (no address given). This project was started in 2017, there's been 5 yrs to work on this and there's this many questions, this public is this uninformed, this board can't answer the most basic questions, I'm embarrassed, fundamentally embarrassed. We'd like to remind you that the federal agency officials designated authority are required to notify the public in a manner that reflects the nature of complexity of undertaking of historic properties. There are at least 6 archaeological sites in the project area. That doesn't include the Boat House out on Portage Point. The original Portage Point Inn, the Condominiums. **What are the costs to submit the application?**

Sousa: There's no cost to submit the application.

Schleiffarth: So when I read there was \$20,000 to redesign to reapply in the old Articles of Incorporation minutes, that's incorrect?

Sousas: That was work to pull together information, redesign. There is not cost to resubmit the application to USDA RD. There's a cost to get the parcel lists up-to-date and maps redeveloped.

Schleiffarth: **Can we have an accounting of what that cost is so far?**

Johnson: Yes

Schleiffarth: **What's the total land area in the proposed district?**

Meister: I've told you that yesterday, we've never been asked that. I told you that we wouldn't have time to get that information before today's meeting and that you're the first person that has asked that.

Schleiffarth: **What's the purpose of the district, Health or Economic? And most fundamentally, why wasn't the Take No Action considered?** I think the vast majority of the people that have spoken so far have taken the water quality. Nothing further.

Lane Kaiser, Lake Isle. Four years ago he heard about the sewer and wonder why haven't we done this before. As I have learned more about this, I'm definitely AGAINST this. Quality of the lake water is better now than ever before. **Have we tested the water, any science to back it up?** This is not a sewer. If there is a septic tank, it's not a sewer, it's something else. We have done nothing about the streams. The farmers have to put fertilizer on their land. Nobody has contacted them. That fertilizer is going to come into the lake. The fertilizer is coming into the lake now and its doing damage. I don't see this project as doing anything to the lake. This project isn't anything to do about science, it's about politics.

Jeff Sanborn: 13200 Hopkins Forrest Drive. I'm Vice President of Bear Lake Watershed Alliance and recently the Alliance has contracted with the Manistee Conservation District to test the water of Bear Lake from rain run-off in 4 different areas. The last time we test water from run-off from the Village into Bear Lake Ecoli levels were at 2700 and 2500 respectively which is the allowable level is less than 300 mg. Some of the sewer drain lines are collapsed, so it's coming from the surface. The run-off could be from animals, we don't know where it's coming from. We also test 7 other beach/swimming areas and every one of those areas has Ecoli. Some are high and some are low. Just so you know, more and more people are going to be moving to this area because of what we've got. It's not a hidden secret anymore. More people, more effluent going into the system eventually. You've got to think about that. I'm all for the sewer. I've got a perfect septic system. Just so you know, Bear Lake does have Ecoli going into it and it's getting diluted as it's going out. There have been sometimes where it has been this close to being shut down, just so you know.

Bruce Brooks, 1961 Second St. Third Generation living out by the Channel. No nitrates when the sample was checked at the DNR, which is good. We are concerned that the water stay cleaned for our next generations. I want to express support for going ahead for at least finding out what the funding is.

Chris Forth, 7434 Danforth. Express my support for the sanitary sewer system around the lake. I think everyone is in agreement that we want clean water. I wish it could be designed to handle both the gray water and the solids all at the same time and gravity fed so we wouldn't have to have all of that pipe. I

would also like to support the Authority in moving forward in at least applying for the grant to see how much it cost to lower our cost to see if we can get that 75 % and really take the cost down. While I'm sitting here tonight, I'm hearing a lot of discussion about a wastewater treatment plant and reading the engineering report. There were 3 options given, 1 utilizing the Village lagoon system, 1 was to utilize the Little River System, and 1 to construct one between Portage Lake and Bear Lake. My suggestion is to revisit discussions with the Little River to a 25 year to maybe keep those costs down and renegotiate operation and maintenance. The Operations and maintenance costs and to have personnel at our own facility is where the costs are. **It just seems that why would you want to have redundant systems when you can keep this out of people's back yard?**

Meister: How that came about was that we originally thought that we would go to the Tribe. Bear Lake Township was the first entity to hold their Township meeting and they voted to build their own system. At that time, we all went along. If one entity wanted out, we were out. The reason they wanted out was that they felt they couldn't trust the Tribe being a Sovereign Nation. If we entered in with them maybe people wouldn't support the sewer. That's how that happened.

Bert Herzog, (No address given). Unsettled right now based on the cost, based on type of system being proposed. Also concerned about areas like Andy's Point. **Can we get to a vote to a 51%, do we have to go to 21%? There are a lot of strong opinions here. What is the process to either get this going?**

Williams: Again, there isn't a vote for this special assessment. What I'm hearing is that can we have 50% of the property owners tell the board they are opposed. You don't have to wait for the special assessment district. You can tell the board to please don't go forward. There is no legal affect to the paper petition in the process. An effective way to communicate it to the Board is in writing, your opinion. The Board isn't obligated to Stop. You can do this before or after the application process.

Julie Crawford, 2375 Lake Isle. It was brought up at last week's meeting that if this rendition failed that the State mandate was coming. **What is the affect of the wastewater system or sewer system would mean for us?**

Johnson: A conversation between myself and Blake Smith USDA RD he had stated he highly encouraged this project to go through and would highly encourage any community applying for this because right now the funding is there. There are other states out there that have had mandates go through, he named off 2 states and I cannot remember what states they were off the top of my head. He said right now the funding is here. He recommended to do this now before the systems fail. Before the state mandates it and every community in Michigan that has a lake around is it is forced to do this and the funding isn't available because every one of those communities is going after the money.

L. Schleiffarth: According to the Headly Amendment back in 1978, Permanent amendment to the Michigan State Constitution bans state governments from imposing unfunded mandates on local governments. So if I understand this correctly, they couldn't mandate this without giving us funds.

Dave Adams: (Bear Lake Village). All of the cases in the past trying to get a sewer put in and we never knew how much it was going to cost. I look around the room here and I see a bunch of intelligent people. We need to find out how much it's going to cost so we can make an honest intelligent decision to move forward or not to move forward. This board, and I know all of them, all volunteer their time, are not going to stick anything to you that they don't think is fair or that they wouldn't pay themselves. And none of these people here have deep pockets. I want to give a little history about the Village of Bear Lake. About 2-3 years ago, there was a survey done. Who wants the sewer? The darkened spots and not. There were 427 listings of deeds in Pleasanton Township. 238 deeds came back for sewer. The total 535 deeds billed between Bear Lake Township, Bear Lake Village, and Pleasanton Township. They have really done their homework. My concern is that if we don't have the right number and find out our cost, it's going to cost more. We need to make sure our numbers are correct.

Ron Sobkoviak, 12126 Erdman Rd, NOT IN DISTRICT. Against the district. Big Project affecting a lot of people. NIMBY. Would have like some information in his tax notices. No communication has been done. His neighbors never new about it until today. It affects everyone, not just people on the lake.

Andy Pruyne, 12238 Northwood Hwy, NOT IN DISTRICT. Neutral opinion. Points of interest....Pump at each house. Power for the pump may require an upgraded panel box if your panel is old.

Jeanne Walsh-Visson, 12038 Maple St. NOT IN DISTRICT. The Village of Bear Lake consists of less than 1% (**corrected to 7 %**) of the connections and 10% of the construction costs but the total costs are being spread equally, including the boring under Portage Lake. This doesn't seem appropriate considering the poverty level that's being used in the figures for the application, including the interest rate. Property owners have no idea who should attend as the Bear Lake Parcel List is not on the website. (side note, the parcel list is on the website and always was. Per the webmaster that sent the link for verification). Total number of hook-ups in the village is 68 even though the costs are being spread equally. **PA368 states that an ordinance can be passed in the future by either a village or township to mandate a connection in the future at a higher buy-in cost. Is this accurate?**

Meister: I can tell you that this system is not sized to accommodate that. There are some very small lots in the Village, and we have Zoning now.

Walsh-Visson: **The question is that can someone look at the Zoning to see if it can accommodate these septics?** The website didn't show the last two meetings and until last week didn't show this meeting. The documents done by Mr. Kramer aren't even dated so we don't even know when they were done. The number of handouts at the meetings last week, most people didn't get one. It's really hard for people to read items on-line. Most people don't have internet or computers. There's no opportunity for people to call-in and stay informed and they can't. We waited 8 months for the answers for the questions and then expect people to check the website for 8 months looking for the questions/answers. There's no transparency.

Barb Sobkoviak, 12126 Erdman Rd, NOT IN DISTRICT. We are at the receiving end of the sewer water so of course I'm not in favor of this. I don't want this coming in to pollute our groundwater, our farm. We have a lot of farmers around us, orchards. That's a concern of that quality. We got a call in December, oh did you hear about the sewage plant they propose to build just down the road from us, we were shocked. At that time my husband talked to some of our neighbors, who never heard of it. Then today we got a call that, oh we went to the meeting in December where we could ask questions,

where I guess last week they finally came out. I'm busy, checked the website, couldn't find anything. Today we got the call, went online, found the news advocate article, scrolled through, some people here are for it, some people are against it. I'm against it. The article today said that 250 people are against it. I was under the impression that 250 people today are against it, we drop it. Then today you say, no, that if people propose it, then we'll have that meeting. **How can we really get the consensus of the community? Since I'm not in the district, do I have a say as I'll be affected?**

Williams: She is not in the district it doesn't mean that at the Public Hearing she is prohibited, she can voice her objection. Thank you very much, you got to do it. It all matters, because ultimately it is this board's decision on how it proceeds.

Meister: That spot was only used because we needed a spot to do a soil test for the Application. I've been trying to get the County, if it sells the Fairgrounds, to get that property.

Kristy Hayes, 4670 Potter Rd. NOT IN DISTRICT: Vociferously object to the location of the facility location as she knew nothing about the project. She is not affected by the sewer. I would like to know the process of selection of the sewer. I would like to know the process of the individuals affected, how they will be notified, how their opportunity to object, because I heard multiple times that I am not in the district I have no vote. I should have a vote if it is being put behind my house. **What is the safety, the track record of the person running the facility, the person putting it in, managing it? We have PFOS in Grand Rapids, can we have something like that here?** I have had no information on this project.

Meister: If and when we get to that point, those people will have a voice. We aren't even there yet.

Judy Spohn, 10793 Herkelrath. NOT IN DISTRICT. Involved indirectly with the Portage Lake Yacht Club. I think it would be helpful to all of us to have an outline of the planning sequence, the decision, the purpose, the letter of conditions, the planning, the grant application so we know when as individual can step in and reply to the underlying scope before me before issuing bonds. It is required that each Township to publish a notice in the newspaper after the approval of the contract indicating the bonds were issued out of oath unless a referendum petition is signed by 10% of the registered voters, you do not have to be in the district, you just have to be a registered voter of the township within 45 days of the publication of the Notice of Intent to enter the contract with the project. So everybody does have a voice in this. **I have a question for the attorney, aren't the districts already drawn?**

Williams: The sewer district is generally drawn from each of the units, there hasn't been a Special Assessment District formed yet. In which the special assessment would be imposed.

Spohn: **So these maps that you have, those don't meet that requirement?**

Williams: The process for doing a Special Assessment is not the same for what has happened here. You give notice of the Special Assessment, you publish who is going to be in it, each unit has to determine what is going to be in each district. They would use what is now the sewer district, but it is not the same process. That Special Assessment process has not been started yet.

Spohn: **And when does that take place?**

Williams: Whenever the project gets approved, we know the financing, we know the costs, and then each unit has to form a Special Assessment District, and special assessments on all of the affected properties. That is late in the process. This project is still in the planning/financing phase, it's got to go to USDA to see what the project cost, what's going to be paid by these people, how much of their bill will be paid by grant money.

Spohn: **Will there be publication of a timeline for all of these things, and at which point the public can step into object?**

Meister: We went over the timeline, Brian, do you want to go over the timeline?

Williams: If we go back a couple of years, there was a timeline that the Authority developed that answers the exact question you're posing now.

Sousa: There's a schedule within the 300 questions.

Johnson: We can publish the timeline later.

Blake Hearit, (no address given). NOT IN DISTRICT. **Does the septic pumping get charged or is it free?**

Sousa: It's included in the Operation and Maintenance costs of the system, every 5 years or whenever for seasonal owners.

Hearit: Proposed location....

Meister: The Board hasn't even discussed it yet. The Township has property on Erdman Road, next to the cemetery, across the road. That could be a possible location. No matter where it is there's going to be objection to people having it next to their property. But the Township does have a 40 acre parcel. The people next to it are dead, they probably won't complain, on the other side is a Christmas Tree Farm. To the West is away from all of the house, we would just have to get the soil tested again.

Hearit: Would that lower the taxes of the people living around there?

Meister: An example would be of the Bear Lake properties that live around the lagoons for the Onekama Village. One of those houses has a view of the ponds. It hasn't affected the real estate values at all.

Hearit: Is there going to be leak tests?

Sousa: Yes. Part of the final approval of construction is that leak testing is completed on the pipes installed underground.

Carol Merrill, 7320 Norconk Rd. NOT IN DISTRICT. **When you do the Grant Application, is it for \$43 million, the price change dramatically?**

Sousa: Yes, the price we are applying for specifically will change. We updated the price last year, and before we apply, we want to take another look at those costs because construction

costs and material costs are still going up. What we are trying to do is project the cost of the project 2-3 years from now, actually during construction if this goes through. A time like this makes us very nervous because we see so many fluctuations on a weekly basis in construction costs. We do the best we can keeping up on those costs. If we apply for a \$100 Million project, and they come back and say we're going to fund your project and these are the levels with this much money, this much grant, the group says OK we're moving forward, we take time to get bids and the bids come in at \$40 million, we only pay on \$40 million. It gets adjusted. If it goes up, then we have a stickier situation if the group still wanted to go through with the project.

Motion by Lynnes, Second by Girven to close the Public Hearing at 8:15 PM

Public Comment for Special Meeting: None.

There were approximately 70 people in attendance.

NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 WILL BE AT 7:30

Adjourn: 8:17 PM

Shelli Johnson, Recording Secretary