

Illinois Water Authority Association

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NEWSLETTER

February 2024



Quarterly Board & Member Meeting Scheduled for March 7, 2024

The Association's Quarterly Board Meeting is scheduled for March 7 at Avanti's Restaurant in Bloomington. Dinner cost will be covered by the Association. Attorneys and members of all water authorities are also invited. The agenda for the

evening is printed on page 4. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm and the business meeting begins at 6:00 pm. **Please return your reservation postcard by February 27.**

Illinois Water Authority Association Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023 – Avanti's Restaurant, Bloomington, IL

Call to Order: Chairman Susan Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Susan Adams, Mark McGrath, John K Adams, R Dean and Phyllis Hudson, Jim Todd, Mike Funk, Wayne Deppert, Gary and Ann Williams, Mary Auth (Executive Administrator).

Approval of Agenda: Approved.

Introduction: Susan introduced Mary Auth as the new Executive Administrator of IWAA.

Minutes of September 7, 2023 meeting: A motion was made by Jim Todd and seconded by Dean Hudson to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Susan Adams. The balance of the Treasurer's report as of November 30, 2023, was \$65,693.03. A motion was made by Wayne Deppert, and seconded by Dean Hudson. Motion carried.

Report from Nominating Committee for Chairman, Treasurer, and Director-at-large: Mike Funk gave a report that Susan Adams was nominated for Chairman, and Don Osborn was nominated for Treasurer. The executive director at large position is still vacant.

Election for Chairman and Treasurer: Jim Todd made a motion to elect Susan Adams for Chairman and Don Osborn for Treasurer. Seconded by Gary Williams. Both were elected.

Susan presented the proposed 2024 budget for discussion. A motion was made by Mike Funk and seconded by Wayne Deppert to accept the budget as presented.

MAC Update and Regional Water Supply Planning Committee: The MAC is in the process of applying to IDNR for grant money that is available for 2 years. This money will be used by the RWSPC to update their ongoing work to study water use of the Mahomet Aquifer, including to gather information on irrigation in the central part.

Legislative Review 103rd General Assembly: Susan Adams is receiving updates from Creative Resources and watching for legislation that would affect water authorities or the Water Use Act of 1983. There is a shell bill (HB0259) which is being kept track of.

Consideration of Bills for payment: A motion was made by Jim Todd and seconded by Dean Hudson to pay the following bills: Susan Adams (\$ 560.00), Mike Funk (\$20.00), Mark McGrath (\$1,200.94), Creative Resources (\$425.00), and Avanti’s (\$226.46). Motion passed.

Other Business: Lawyer Mark McGrath is raising his fee from \$235.00/hour to \$255.00/hour.

Next Meeting: Gary Williams made a motion to have the next meeting on March 7, 2024 at 5:00 at Avanti’s. Motion was seconded by Jim Todd. Motion passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 6:46 P.M. by Mike Funk and seconded by Wayne Deppert. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted
Gary Williams, Secretary

2024 Meeting Dates		
March 7	Avanti’s Bloomington	Annual Membership Meeting
March/April	Springfield	Illinois Ag Legislative Day
May 2	Conference Call	Executive Committee
June 6	Avanti’s Bloomington	Membership Meeting
August 1	Conference Call	Executive Committee
August 13	Springfield State Fair	Illinois Ag Day
September 5	Avanti’s Bloomington	Membership Meeting
November 7	Conference Call	Executive Committee
December 5	Avanti’s Bloomington	Membership Meeting

Directions to Avanti’s Italian Restaurant, **3302 East Empire Street, Bloomington**

Avanti’s is across the highway (north side) of the Bloomington airport on Route 9 (Empire Street).

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Financial Report - October 20, 2023 to February 9, 2024

Checking Account balance as of October 20, 2023 **23,772.01**

Receipts

Havana Checking nterest - Oct-Jan 24	11.87	
Auto Owners (2 refunds)	296.00	
Dues - 2023 South Ross Twnshp	1,200.00	
Donald Osborn - interest on redeemed CD	251.86	
Total Receipts		1,759.73

Disbursements

IRS - payroll taxes	260.86	
McGrath Law - retainer	770.00	
Susan Adams - Time	1,463.75	
Susan Adams - Expenses	113.45	
Michael Funk - Time	110.82	
Mary Auth - December	330.00	
Creative Resources	850.00	
Avanti's	226.46	
Total Disbursements		4,125.34

Checking Account Balance as of October 20, 2023 **21,406.40**

Certificates of Deposit

BoP Minier CD 28mo 3.3% 5/30/25	10,334.09	
BoP Minier CD 28mo 3.5% 9/22/25	10,174.66	
Alliance #61 7 mo 4.55%	10,344.19	
Alliance #227 12 mo 5.25% 4/10/24	10,132.91	
	40,985.85	
		62,392.25

**Illinois Water Authority Association
Avanti's Italian Restaurant
3302 East Empire St., Bloomington
Agenda March 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – Annual Membership Meeting**

Registration -----4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dinner -----5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting -----6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

<u>Current Membership</u>	* ALLIN TOWNSHIP WATER AUTH.	* MT HOPE/FUNKS GROVE WATER AUTH.
	* DANVERS TOWNSHIP WATER AUTH.	* RUSSELL ALLISON WATER AUTH.
	* IMPERIAL VALLEY WATER AUTH.	* SOUTH ROSS TOWNSHIP WATER AUTH.
	* MACKINAW VALLEY WATER AUTH.	* SUGAR GROVE WATER AUTH.
	* MENARD COUNTY WATER AUTH.	* SUSAN J ADAMS - ASSOCIATE
	* NORTHERN LOGAN CO. WATER AUTH.	

<u>Current Leadership</u>	SUSAN J. ADAMS - Chairman	MICHAEL FUNK - Vice Chairman
	GARY WILLIAMS - Secretary	DONALD OSBORN, JR. - Treasurer
	JERRY ELLIOTT - Exec. Comm	
	MARY AUTH – Exec. Administrator.	MARK J. McGRATH, Attorney

AGENDA

1. Call to order - Susan Adams
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Roll Call -
4. Minutes of December 7, 2023 Meeting - Susan Adams
5. Treasurer’s Report - Donald Osborn
6. Select Water Authority to do Financial Review
7. Illinois Ag Legislative Day – March 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Sponsor - \$225 and directory update
8. Update on MAC & 103rd General Assembly – Susan Adams
9. Consideration of Bills for Payment – Adams, McGrath, Mary Auth & others
10. Other Business
 - Do RSVP to quarterly meeting by email instead of postcard
 - McGrath cost increase in attending meetings – consider attending by Zoom or Free Conference Call (FCC), Facetime. Consider retainer.
 - Move to establish Mary Auth to have access to Alliance Bank information, limited to current balances on CDs.
11. Date for next Member Meeting – June 6, 2024
12. Adjourn

Trustees of the above listed member water authorities may be in attendance at this meeting