

Lowell Area Recreational Authority

Board Meeting

March 13, 2024

Board Members Present: Amanda Rogers, Janine Mork, Mark Weaver, Thomas Gossiaux, Mark Anderson, Eric Bartkus

Others present: Janalee Grischke, Dave Austin (Williams & Works), Ben??? KC Parks?

Approval of Agenda – Gossiaux motioned to approve the agenda with suggested changes, Weaver seconds. Motion carried.

Audit Report – The auditor went over his findings on the audit. Page 1 of the report shows it to have an unqualified opinion, which is the best you can get. Page 13 of the report shows activity through the year, capital outlay was related to engineering and planning. There is unearned revenue of \$579,714. This is money received for a specific purpose but has not been spent yet.

Approval of minutes – January 10, 2024 meeting – motion by Rogers to approve the minutes of the meeting, Gossiaux supports. Motion carried.

February 2, 2024 minutes of special meeting – Rogers motions to approve the minutes as presented, Gossiaux supports. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – There are five invoices to be paid.

Williams & Works – City	\$4247.55
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Auditor	\$2450.00
Web Hosting	\$897.00
Snowplowing	\$2000.00

Gossiaux motioned to pay the bills as presented, Weaver seconds. Motion carried.

Dave Austin – Williams & Works

A new boardwalk will cost \$360,000. We are still waiting to hear from the Reagans about adjusting the easement on their property. Beachum met with them but left on vacation before he heard back.

We could use phase 2 money in phase 1 if we had to. But we need to check with major donors to see if they are okay with it. DDA, Yeiter, Meijer, Community Foundation.

Ben from KC Parks and a Lowell area resident was present tonight to discuss things happening with trails and other county projects.

He said the county is looking at a greenway. It would extend from Boulder Creek Golf Course to Pettis south to Ada Township at 2 Mile and Pettis, Ada Village. It will cost \$60 million with \$36 million committed. We should look to partner with them for our phase 2 project.

ARPA funding of \$1.5 - \$2.0 million was awarded to the Lowell Regional Green Space at Cascade and Alden Nash. They are looking for community engagement and will begin planning this summer. LARA should partner with them at the start and determine if we could be a part of it somehow.

Website – need updated minutes, 2021 and forward.

Beachum noted at a previous meeting that there should be a resolution allowing the Chairperson to approve invoice payments when there is no meeting held/quorum. A resolution was written up for approval by the board. If approved, it would need to be sent to the three municipalities for their approval.

The resolution was read. Gossiaux motioned to approve the resolution, Weaver seconds. Motion carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Rogers – yes	No - none
Mork – yes	Beachum - absent
Weaver – yes	
Anderson – yes	
Gossiaux – yes	
Bartkus – yes	

Resolution was passed. It will be updated with date and vote information and sent off for signatures from the municipalities. It will be returned to LARA P O Box once everyone has seen it.

With the retirement of Janine Mork, a new secretary needs to be appointed. Mark Weaver volunteered to take the duties over. Rogers motioned to appoint Weaver as secretary, Gossiaux seconds. Motion Carried. Congratulations Mark!

Gossiaux motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Weaver seconds. Motion carried. Next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2024.