STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

September 5, 2023

President Eric Schuler called the first regular monthly meeting of the De Soto Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 P.M. Village Clerk Paula Parks was present to record the minutes.

Present Tony Rushing Brian Gleason

Paulette Johnson Eric Schuler

 Rachel Alstat Cristy Desormeaux

Absent: Jennifer Morgan

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Brian Gleason, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paulette Johnson, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to approve the August expense report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to pay the list of bills. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cristy Desormeaux, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to hire Frank Sanders of Sanders Environmental Water, per the agreement, for $300 per month for water operator services for the wastewater treatment plant. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Brian Gleason, to approve the financial audit for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Tony Rushing reported that the Water Committee had interviewed three applicants for the water meter reader position. The Committee recommended hiring Charles Fowler for the position.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to hire Charles Fowler as a meter reader beginning as soon as the paperwork is finished and pending the background check. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

John Johnson has volunteered to paint the gazebo.

John Vallino and his daughter Emily donated $55 to the De Soto Daze Fund for the annual hayride.

Rachel Alstat reported that the Sewer Committee had met with Engineer Harold Sheffer to discuss the process for cleaning the lagoons and estimating costs. Mr. Sheffer suggested hiring Robert Risely of Water Treat Technology to conduct a sludge survey to determine the depth of the sludge in the lagoon. Mr. Sheffer also suggested the Village proceed with preliminary design to get costs for additional treatment for the landfill waste.

Director of Public Works Danny Vancil reported that sidewalk at the small ball diamond was repaired to make it handicapped accessible. A crosswalk for crossing from one diamond to the other was also made.

The next village board meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk