

**EWAB Meeting Minutes,
River Bend Municipal Building, 51 Shoreline Drive
Monday June 3, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Paige Ackiss

In Attendance:

Paige Ackiss
Jim Stevens
Jon Hall
Patty Leonard
Karl Lichty
Councilman Brian Leonard

Not In Attendance

Ray Jaklitsch

Guests

Carolyn and James Gadwell
Theresa Roach
Cheryl Welch

Motion by Patty Leonard to approve minutes from May 6, 2024 meeting, seconded by Karl Lichty,
Motion carried.

Town Council Report- The Town is having a public hearing on the budget at the next meeting. After the public hearing, the Council will vote on the budget.

Patty Leonard and Jim Stevens are up for reappointment, and they accept. Paige will contact Ray Jaklitsch to see if he wishes to be reappointed.

There is one vacancy on the board and one application.

Bids were opened for the Waster Water Treatment Plant. Unfortunately, none were received. Bid was reopened and only one bid which was extraordinarily high was received which was double the grant money the town received.

Water Treatment Plan is still in the acquisition of land phase, it has not yet gone out for bid.

Grant on Stormwater Plan with a drainage and management plan has been acquired. The grant will include inventory of the drainage system in place. If a homeowner has filled in a swale, this plan will identify that. This plan includes the whole town including Quarterdecks.

Question was asked about the Red Caboose Library. The Town is considering the library like a contractor and they are to provide library services to the town in exchange for space in the old Public Works Building.

Old Business

Bulkhead repairs are underway for town-owned bulkheads.

It is reported that Quarterdeck property owners will not be receiving letters according to the zoning office due to ownership issues.

Guests at the meeting who live in Quarterdecks reported a tree in the culvert between the golf course and Quarterdecks on property owned by the town.

Question was asked whether this committee could work on grants from the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments? Councilman Leonard will take this back to Town Manager. The golf course may also have some responsibility for drainage issues into Quarterdecks.

Jon Hall is still working on the waterways Clean-up event for the Town.

Question was asked regarding a receptacle for monofilament fishing line at the Marina by Saltwater Grill. Fish and Wildlife could be responsible for putting something in place.

Guests Carolyn and James Gadwell discussed the alligator weed that is starting to grow across the canal on property owned by the Town. This could become or may already be a hazard to navigation. Councilman Leonard will be discussing this with Public Works and the Town Manager.

Kayaking will not be taking place on the 4th of July in the pond by Town Hall due to alligator sightings recently.

New Business

A homeowner was observed dumping salt from their water softener and brush and debris into the canal. This is unlawful. Paige will check with Town Hall about putting an illegal dumping flyer into water bills for residents.

New Applicant for EWAB Allison Frederick was discussed. The recommendation from the Board is to accept her application and appoint her to the board.

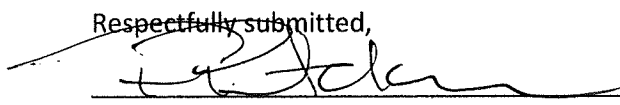
Volunteer Hours:

Jon Hall – 1
Jim Stevens – 1
Karl Lichty - 1
Page Ackiss – 2
Patty Leonard -2

Next Meeting is June 3, 2024

Motion was made by Patty Leonard and seconded by Jim Stevens. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



PAIGE ACKISS



PATTY LEONARD