

**SOUTHWEST LICKING COMMUNITY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 215, ETNA, OH 43018**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 23, 2023 (Located at 623 W. Broad St. Pataskala, OH 43062)**

**1. OPENING**

The January 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting of the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District was called to order by Mr. Kretzmann at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kretzmann. Mr. Kretzmann, Mr. Stepp, and Mrs. Carter were present at roll call. Also present were CJ Gilcher, Josephine Carrelli, Andrew King, and those members of the public who signed the sign in sheet. Joe Crea and Michael Frommer were presenters along with Andrew King.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Carter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stepp, to approve the agenda as presented.

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

**3. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Kretzmann introduced himself as the appointee to the Board from Harrison Township for over 10 years.

Mrs. Carter introduced herself as the most recent appointee from the City of Pataskala.

Mr. Stepp introduced himself as the appointee from Etna Township for just over 2 years.

Mr. Kretzmann thanked the Mayor of Pataskala for allowing the use of their facility for the meeting.

**4. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Gilcher introduced himself as the Utility Superintendent and Interim General Manager. He thanked Mayor Compton and the City of Pataskala for hosting the meeting. He wanted to recognize the elected and appointed representatives from the surrounding entities and the previous board members of the District in attendance. He also thanked all the customers of the District and said the goal of the District is to provide quality and environmentally compliant water and wastewater services to meet the current and

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future needs of Western Licking County. Mr. Gilcher introduced the presenters for the evening.

Mr. Andrew King, the District's Chief Legal Counsel. Mr. Gilcher stated that Mr. King has been an integral part of our team for the last year and ½ and will unfortunately be moving on this February as he was elected to be Judge for the Fifth District Court of Appeals. He congratulated Mr. King and wished him luck with his future endeavors.

Mr. Michael Frommer is the midwest strategic growth lead for Arcadis US Inc. He was also the General Manager of the water and sewer district in the early to mid-2000s. Mr. Gilcher stated that Arcadis, with Mr. Frommer's leadership is currently working with the District on project funding applications and drafting a master planning document for the SR 161 corridor. Mr. Gilcher thanked Mr. Frommer for his attendance this evening.

Mr. Joe Crea is the Vice President of Raftelis. The District utilized Raftelis with Mr. Crea's leadership to perform the recent rate study. Mr. Gilcher stated that based on Mr. Crea's recommendation, not only was the rate schedule reviewed but they took a holistic approach and focused on the tap and capacity fee schedule. Mr. Gilcher thanked Mr. Crea for his attendance this evening.\*

Mr. Gilcher said the announcement of the Intel Corporation coming into the area has brought some excitement and apprehension. With the potential economic boom in Western Licking County, water, sanitary sewer, and other utility services have never been more important. He said the District, along with other utility providers, have been pushing forward with planning, designing, and constructing infrastructure to meet the needs of the area since this historical announcement. Access to water, sewer, gas, electric, and other essential services is the foundation to sustainable economic growth.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. King, Mr. Frommer and Mr. Crea to go over the power point presentation as attached. Questions that were provided ahead of time were addressed during the presentation. There were some questions addressed at the end of the presentation.

Mrs. Carter made a motion, second by Mr. Stepp, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon Roll Call vote, all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



**Melissa Carter, Secretary**