

History of the Formation of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District

The Little Swan Lake Sanitary District is a separate legal entity from the Little Swan Lake Association. The Sanitary District is a Governmental entity having, among others, the power to levy taxes and issue bonds for financing public works projects. Below is a brief history of the formation of the Sanitary District as taken from the District files.

On March 22 1976, a petition signed by no less than 20% of the legal voters in the described area of Little Swan Lake Subdivision was submitted to the Circuit Court of Warren County. The petition asked a sanitary district be formed under a June 22, 1917 State statute, as amended on June 29, 1967. On April 27, 1976 a Board of Commissioners consisting of three judges; the Honorable Stephen G. Evans, Honorable Albert Scott and Honorable Kenneth Bath determined an election of the legal voters of the proposed sanitary district should be held on Tuesday June 1, 1976. The election was held at the Swan Hills Supper Club with the results of seventy-three (73) for the formation of the district and three (3) opposed.

On June 15th, 1976 the presiding officer of the Warren County Board, with the advice and consent of the County Board, appointed James H. Owens, Ralph Sabetti and Lewis F. Lillie Jr. as the initial Trustees of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District. The Trustees were appointed for a one, two and a three year term, with the length of the terms to be determined at their first meeting. *Note: The current Trustees of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District are appointed using this process.*

The first meeting of the Trustees of the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District was held on June 16, 1976. The first order of business was to determine the length of term of the Trustees. After drawing lots Ralph Sabetti was to serve one year; Lewis F Lillie Jr two years and James H. Owens three. In addition, Robert A Downs was elected counsel of the Board with a retainer of \$20 per month. Betty L. Jones was appointed clerk for the hourly rate of \$2.50.

On Tuesday March 29, 1977 there was a special election held at the Swan Hills Supper Club to submit to the voters of the Sanitary District the question of:

Shall the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District
Warren County, Illinois, acquire by purchase
or construction, and thereafter operate,
improve or extend waterworks?

The results of the special election was sixty-four (64) yes, ten (10) no and one spoiled ballot. The initial construction of local improvements of water mains and two wells was \$507,340.00.