

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2021, AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

PRESENT WERE: Board of Water Commissioners: Chairman David Jones, and Commissioner Bassett, and Commissioner Whitmore. Also present: Superintendent Thomas Rooney.

- Meeting called to order at 2:30 P.M.
- Warrants and payrolls signed.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2021, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed Unanimously.**

Capital Projects Update

Chairman Jones asked Superintendent Rooney for a progress update on Well #1. Mr. Rooney reported that the electrical work inside of the pumping station is progressing. He reported that the Variable Frequency Drive motor controller, Scada cabinet, and circuit breaker panel have been installed. GZA Engineer Thomas Sexton informed the Board that his company is reviewing the shop drawings for the chemical addition building along with the specifications for the addition of concrete slab to support the new building. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the proposed size KOH bulk storage tank for the new treatment building was reduced which will produce a credit with the contractor. He stated that the savings on the KOH tank may cover the additional concrete work. Mr. Sexton said that there will also be a savings to the District because the temporary pumping was not installed because of the unanticipated need to upgrade the electrical service lines to the pumping station. Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that he and Senior Operator Tivey have need to devote time to investigate alterations to the equipment specified for the pumping station for Well #1. Changes to the construction plans need to be discussed to find consensus between the contractor the water department, and the Department's engineer.

Commissioner Whitmore asked if the leak at Treatment #1 had been repaired. Superintendent Rooney explained that Dankris Builders Corporation did retighten the connection, and that the leak seems to be fixed. Mr. Sexton informed the Board that the KOH Replacement Project was substantially complete, and Mr. Rooney informed the board that the \$4,000.00 dollar retainage from the contract for the project would be released to the Dankris Builders.

The Board discussed possible funding sources for PFAS remediation projects from various sources. Tom Sexton explained that the District has applied for two more PFAS remediation grants. He also discussed Federal funds that are being received by the State of Massachusetts. The State is distributing the funds to County and Town governments. Mr. Sexton suggested petitioning the County and the Town for some of the Federal funds.

Water Rates

GZA Engineer Thomas Sexton asked the Board to consider increasing the water department's reserve funds to cover the increasing debt service of the PFAS remediation projects. Mr. Sexton explained that the reserves are necessary to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls, and he recommended a minimum reserve of 1 million dollars. He explained that the yearly operation costs of the Water Department will increase from 1 million dollars per year to 2.4 million dollars per year in the next few years.

Mr. Sexton discussed the possibility of creating an enterprise account for Water Department revenues. Chairman Jones asked if there could be a cost savings of doing away with the Old Jail Lane blow off? He suggested that that water is being wasted. After reviewing revenue generating scenarios propose by Mr. Sexton, Chairman Jones asked Mr. Sexton to provide final recommendations to the Board members for the September Commissioners meeting.

Department Staff Performance Reviews

Chairman Jones tabled the review to the September meeting because of a lack of time remaining in the Meeting.

Optional Meter Request

The Board reviewed an Optional Meter Request applications for 95 Harvey Avenue. Chairman Jones asked for a **motion** to approve the requests. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the requests, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

Superintendent Rooney discussed the newly created Juneteenth Holiday. Chairman Jones Superintendent Rooney to consult with the District's attorney, and report at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Chairman Jones **motioned** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney*