

## **BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

November 10, 2020 AT THE WATER DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

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

- Meeting called to order at 2:36 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 October 13, 2020, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **motion passed unanimously.**

### **Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with a fiscal plan for expenditures on PFAS remediation projects. Mr. Rooney explained that the construction costs of rehabilitating Pumping Station #1 and adding a treatment building will be a million dollars.

Chairman Jones asked if the new well pump has been installed. Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the pump has not been installed. Mr. Rooney stated that the delivery of the pump was delayed because of hurricane activity near the manufacturer. He went on to say that the new pump has been delivered to the well driller, and that Department staff will be removing the auxiliary engine, used during power outages, and that the motor would be scrapped. Mr. Rooney reported that he expected the pump to be installed by the next Board Meeting. Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Barnstable Fire District has been awarded a \$200,000.00 PFAS Remediation Grant. Mr. Rooney explained that the grant monies will be split between the Treatment #3 project at Well #1, and Engineering evaluations for Treatment #4 to be conducted at Wells #2 & #5. Chairman Jones asked if the new pump was needed for further water chemistry analysis? Superintendent Rooney replied that it was. He explained that the well needs to have water drawn to the pumping station to confirm that PFAS chemicals are not present. Mr. Rooney provided the Board with the results from the latest round of PFAS testing from the District's pumping stations. He reported that Well #1 was "Non-Detect" for PFAS chemicals, and that the latest quarterly results are slightly lower than the previous quarterly sample results. Mr. Rooney further explained that Well #5 continues to have the highest detections with a result of 31.49 parts per trillion.

Superintendent Rooney reported that the materials submittals from Dankris Company are being evaluated by GZA Engineers to ensure that the correct materials are being purchased for the KOH Tank Replacement Project. He also discussed the Department's preparations to provide temporary treatment for Well #3 while Well #4 is out of service for the KOH Tank Project. Mr. Rooney discussed work done by Senior Operator Ronald Tivey to work out the many detailed questions asked by the Engineers while developing the numerous PFAS remediation projects that are underway. Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the leaking roof on Pumping Station #4 will be repaired by Molinari Roofing. Mr. Rooney informed the Board that the Department's Scada computer has replaced due to the age of the current computer. He informed the board that the Department is investigating alternative billing software vendors. Mr. Rooney discussed the Department's Risk and Resiliency audit required by the USEPA which will necessitate a new Emergency Response Plan. He informed the Board that Stantec Engineers will assist with the revised ERP.

### **Annual Report FY20**

Superintendent Rooney presented the Board with the Water Department's draft Annual Report for Fiscal 2019. Mr. Rooney compared the current draft report with the previous year's report to discuss the differences between the two Reports. The Board approved the report as written.

### **Optional Meter Request**

The Board reviewed the Optional Meter Request for 206 Breeds Hill Road. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to approve the request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Abatement Requests**

Barnstable Fire District Collector joined the meeting to review the details of six Abatement Requests. The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at #277 Millway. The Board **tabled** the Abatement Request because the service repair has not been completed. The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at #57 First Way. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to reduce the usage charge to the lowest water step rate, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **Motion passed unanimously.** The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at #41 Desert Sands Lane. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to reduce the usage charge to the lowest water rate step, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **Motion passed unanimously.** The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at 130 Redwing Lane. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to reduce the usage charge to the lowest water rate step, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **Motion passed unanimously.** The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at 73 Indian Hill Road. Commissioner Whitmore **motioned** to deny the Abatement Request, **seconded** by Commissioner Bassett. The **Motion passed unanimously.** The Board reviewed the circumstances of a high water usage at 111 Sunset Lane. The Board **tabled** the request because the circumstances of the high water usage cannot be confirmed.

### **Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair**

Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative Executive Director Liz Argo, and Deputy Director Maria Marasco presented a Fiscal Year 2020 Report of CVEC's renewable energy projects, and an explanation of the District's Fiscal Year Net Benefit of \$56,950.00 from the District's solar panels.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Thomas Rooney