

BFD BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 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 Bassett **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2021, **seconded** by Commissioner Whitmore. The **motion passed Unanimously.**

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the KOH (Potassium Hydroxide) bulk tank replacement project at Treatment #1 is nearly complete. The contractor, Dankris Builders, is working on a small punch list of items. Mr. Rooney explained that some parts have been ordered but have not been delivered to Dankris. He informed the Board that Senior Operator Tivey will fill the new tank, and chemical feed lines with plain water to check for leaks to the newly installed chemical feed lines. Woodard and Curran Engineers will be working on the Scada System integration for the newly installed equipment. The Department is planning on receiving the first delivery of 3000 gallons of KOH in a next week.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that a project meeting was held with the Robert B. Our Company. The Our Project Managers will be forwarding equipment submittals to GZA Engineers.

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that a request to access Fire District property was made by Beta Group Engineers to take samples of Flint Rock Pond. Beta Group is conducting a site assessment of the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy, and Flint Rock Pond to determine the extent of the PFAS contamination in the area. The Board discussed PFAS related issues.

Water Department COVID-19 Policy

The Board discussed a draft policy for the Water Department. After discussion, the Board approve a Covid-19 Policy. Chairman Jones asked that the Board be provided with a revised copy of the policy.

Superintendent Rooney discussed the Department's effort to inform District residents that Covid-19 is not transmitted by drinking water. Mr. Rooney discussed a PFAS education notice being added to the April water bills.

Solar Panel Update

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that there was a small interruption of Net Metering Credits for Well #5. Mr. Rooney discussed the process of assigning credits to the District's electric bills. He also discussed the difficulty of Well #5 accumulating an excess of credits because Well #5 is being used less.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair

Chairman Jones discussed the necessity of fiscal planning to address revenue losses caused by drought related restrictions on water production. Superintendent Rooney explained the Water Management Permit issued to District. Mr. Rooney discussed prescribed production restrictions

Superintendent Rooney informed the Board that the Department has submitted its Annual Statistical Report to MassDEP. Mr. Rooney reported the Department's 2020 Consumer Confident Report was also distributed with the April Water Bills.

Superintendent Rooney explained that the Department will be conducting Risk and Resiliency Assessment to identify potential vulnerabilities to normal production. The Department will also be participating in a cyber security assessment.

District Collector Kim Vermette joined the Meeting to present an abatement request received by the Department after the Board Meeting Agenda was posted. The customer had a frozen outside shower and asked for an invoice reduction based on the accidental nature of the usage. The Board approved a recalculation of the usage bill to the middle rate.

Collector Vermette and Superintendent Rooney consulted with the Board regarding the Water Department changing to a cloud-based billing system. The Department has been using the same billing system for twenty years. The Board approved the change.

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 3:41 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Rooney*