

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2021

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President Ivery called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Others present were: Trustees Lawler, and Moll, General Manager Douglas, Director of Finance Knowles, Director of Operations Cobb, and District Engineer Schofield.

Absent: Vice President Meunier, Trustee Philippon, Trustee Kay, and Treasurer May.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

MINUTES:

There were not enough Trustees in attendance for a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Director Knowles reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2021.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT:

Jordan Avenue Station PFAS Results

Director of Operations Cobb reviewed with the Board the PFAS results at Jordan Avenue Station. Due to the station being so close to the former Naval Air Station, the District has been proactively monitoring for PFAS since 2019. The Maine Legislature has passed LD 129, lowering the total limit from 70 parts per trillion to 20 parts per trillion, testing results for the station are 29.4 parts per trillion. More water testing will be performed to determine where the PFAS source is originating, but it doesn't appear to be the source. The District contacted the Maine Drinking Water Program to discuss the findings. Jordan Avenue Station has been shut down and will remain so until the issue has been remedied.

Taylor 50HP Well

Director of Operations Cobb reviewed with the Board that when DL Maher redeveloped the 50HP well at Taylor Station in the Spring there was a significant amount of sand pumped from the well. Testing of the well after redevelopment it was determined future redevelopments would not be beneficial as the capacity has diminished over the years.

DL Maher will be testing all of the District wells to determine their performance and to establish a new baseline. Once testing is completed Director of Operations Cobb will inform the Board of the results.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Hawthorne Street Main Replacement

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the Hawthorne Street Main Replacement project has been postponed until Spring 2022. The materials have already been purchased therefore the costs should not be impacted.

Summer Street Main Installation

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the District has completed the installation of 320 feet of 8-inch ductile iron on Summer Street. The remaining 6-inch cast iron at 2 Main Street will be abandoned once the new pipe is connected to the main.

Lead and Copper Sampling

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the District sampling of Lead and Copper for 2021 has been completed. The results were <0.001 mg/L and 0.345 mg/L for lead copper which are well below the action levels of 0.015 mg/L for lead and 1.3 mg/L for copper.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Topsham Filtration Facility Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board construction on the new facility continues to progress well. There are many sub-contractors on site working. The upper parking lot has been paved, roofing continues, all bulk tanks are in place and the first of three piping shipments have arrived.

Partial Payment Estimate No. 16 for work completed July 16, 2021, through August 15, 2021 in the amount of \$999,438.70 was reviewed and has been paid.

Remote Meter Reading Investigation

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the situation will Mueller has not improved. . The meter task force committee expects the issues to continue and become more prevalent as the system ages. The District is preparing itself for a possible switch.

Lead and Copper Rule Changes

General Manager Douglas informed the Board significant changes are coming to the lead and copper rule. The changes will require considerable time from staff and expense to meet all the requirements.

Five Rivers Regional Water Council Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the Five Rivers Regional Water Council continues to meet to discuss regional water use and staffing issues. The region will be looking to BTWD for water in the long term.

Meeting with Sagadahoc Emergency Management Authority

General Manager Douglas informed the Board he met with Sagadahoc Emergency Management Authority to discuss the Five River Water Council, water systems and water emergencies.

Remote Meeting Policy

General Manager Douglas presented the Board with a Remote Meeting Policy.

Solar Project Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the Solar Project continues. The project is running behind schedule but expecting to be turned on by the end of the year.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Trustee Moll to adjourn to Executive Session Per Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to Discuss Personnel Issues at 5:53 p.m. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Trustee Moll to adjourn from Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Trustee Lawler and seconded by Trustee Moll to adjourn. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on November 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary