

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2023

President Meunier called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Others present were: Vice President Philippon, Trustees Ivery, Kay, and Moll, Treasurer May, General Manager Douglas, Director of Finance Knowles, and District Engineer Schofield.

Absent: Trustee Lawler

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 9. A motion was made by Trustee Ivery and seconded by Trustee Kay to approve the minutes. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Director of Finance Knowles reviewed the Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2023.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Crooker Zoning Request

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board that Crooker Construction is discussing rezoning their land at the Pejepscot Quarry from Suburban Residential to Limited Residential with the Town of Topsham. The rezoning would allow them to move their operations from Lewiston Road to the Pejepscot Quarry. Having been discussed in the past the District sent a letter stating the requirements to Crooker Construction in 2013.

Frank Wood Bridge Replacement Project

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the Maine Department of Transportation advertised for bids on February 1, with the bid opening on March 1. Once a contractor is selected the District will have more information on the project schedule. The District has 1.98 million dollars in SRF funding for the project.

Androscoggin River Crossing

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board Wright-Pierce should have design drawings completed within the next couple of weeks. Bids for the project are expected to go out in the next month. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Employee Insurance Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board that the Anthem HMO plan selected proved problematic for many employees. The new plan was tiered and many providers were out of network. The District had a meeting with Cross Insurance to discuss what options were available. It was determined the best route for the District would be to go with a PPO plan which is most like the previous POS plan retroactive back to January 1, 2023.

AWWA Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the New England Water Works Association(NEWWA) and the American Water Works Association(AWWA) are in disagreement on terms of affiliation and business practices. A hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2023, regarding the disciplinary action AWWA has initiated against NEWWA.

River Crossing AMI Bond Issuance

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the District is applying for a \$2.5 million dollar bond. \$1.75 million for the new river crossing and \$.75 million for the meter reading upgrade. There will be an action item at the March meeting.

Jordan Ave PFAS/PFOA Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the District will be receiving reimbursement of \$463,977.55 by the end of quarter one for work done in 2022. The District received the ESCA from the Navy for the cleanup of the PFAS/PFOA in the Jordan Ave wellfield.

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

A motion was made by Trustee Ivery 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 March 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary

