

BRUNSWICK AND TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT DRAFT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 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, Director of Operations Cobb, 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 February 13. A motion was made by Trustee Moll and seconded by Trustee Ivery 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 February 28, 2023.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Frank Wood Bridge Replacement

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board the Maine Department of Transportation received three bids for the bridge replacement. Reed & Reed was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$48,869,767. The bid tabulations have been distributed and the approximate cost for the water main is \$1.1 million plus incidentals like paving and traffic control.

Androscoggin River Crossing

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board that Wright-Pierce sent bid documents to eight qualified contractors on February 23. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, and bids will be accepted until Thursday, March 30, until 4:00 p.m. The project was presented to and reviewed by the Brunswick Staff Review Committee on March 8. The District has applied for the necessary permit. Completion of the project is expected October 31, 2023.

344 River Road, Topsham

District Engineer Schofield informed the Board that the 344 River Road property was sold to Toby Investments LLC of St. Peterburg, Florida, on January 24, 2023, abuts District-owned land. The property is outside the mapped aquifer protection zone. The District will have the opportunity to review and comment on any proposed projects for the property as an abutter.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jordan Ave PFAS/PFOA Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the monthly samples taken at Jordan Avenue Station show PFAS levels continue to be very high. The District lawyers are working on replies to the Navy's proposed agreement, these will be discussed in executive session.

Holden Station Water Quality

General Manager Douglas informed the Board that Holden Station continues to produce exceptional water quality. Disinfection byproducts have been reduced by 200-300% and chlorine has been reduced to 0.9.

Solar Farm Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the final numbers for 2022 result in a savings of \$91k in electrical expenses for the District. The District paid \$92k for \$183k in credits.

Fiver River Council Update and Regional Meeting

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the District will be hosting a joint meeting of the Fiver River Council members and their Boards on Thursday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the Holden Station

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

23-01 Bond Resolution (DOK)

A motion was made by Trustee Ivery and seconded by Vice President Philippon to adopt the resolution authorizing bonds in the amount of \$2,500,000. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Ivery and seconded by Trustee Kay to adjourn to Executive Session Per Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (E) to Discuss Legal Issues. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion at 5:45 p.m.

A Motion was made by Trustee Moll and seconded by Vice President Philippon to adjourn from executive session and return to the regular meeting. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion at 6:17 p.m.

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

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on April 10, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary