

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

President Philippon called the Meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Others present were: Trustees Glidden-Lyon, Meunier, Ivery, and Moll, Treasurer May, General Manager Douglas, and Director of Finance Knowles.

Absent: Vice President Kay

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on October 16. A motion was made by Trustee Meunier 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 October 31, 2023.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jordan Avenue PFAS Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board on October 23, the District hosted Thuane B. Fielding, Deputy Director NAVFAC BRAC Program Management Office East out of South Carolina, with CDM Smith also in attendance. Project schedules and goals were discussed with the time frame schedule being a major factor. Both parties had a better appreciation of the process and the challenges each faces.

PFAS Class Action Lawsuits

General Manager Douglas updated the Board regarding the Dupont and 3M class action lawsuits for PFAS. Due to language changes in the indemnification clause made in the 3M Class Action Settlement, the District's stand has shifted to opt in. The indemnity clause would have left water systems liable for damages, with its removal there is minimal risk.

MRRA Update

General Manager Douglas informed the Board the District has been meeting with MRRA on a monthly basis to improve communication and facilitate project and asset turnover. Topics include their ongoing PUC case, conversion of master metered homes, existing assets mapping, and inspection.

ACTION ITEMS:

23-20 Annual Report of the Trustees 2016 & 2017

A motion was made by Trustee Moll and seconded by Trustee Glidden-Lyon to approve the 2016 & 2017 Annual Report of the Trustees. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Trustee Glidden-Lyon 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 5:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Trustee Ivery to adjourn from Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion at 6:04 p.m.

23-21 Legal Services Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Glidden-Lyon and seconded by Trustee Moll to authorize the General Manager to enter into contract with Murray, Plumb & Murray, et al. for services with regards to civil and class action filings as a result of PFAS contamination. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

23-22 PFAS Class Action Authorization

A motion was made by Trustee Glidden-Lyon and seconded by Trustee Moll to authorize the General Manager the authority to act on behalf of the District on matters relating to the Dupont and 3M class action lawsuits as he deems necessary up to the December 11th Board meeting. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

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A motion was made by Trustee Meunier and seconded by Trustee Ivery to adjourn the meeting. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion at 6:08 p.m.

SECOND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Deacetis
Recording Secretary