

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7:03 P.M.

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Bergin, Chairman

4 – Subscribers
LCAC

Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - Absent
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk

- II. **District Member Forum** – Subscriber Greg Buteau to follow up to a phone call today to the Superintendent today. Brought to his attention the Selectman Meeting to apply for grants for small business one was Leicester water and engineering for Moose hill. Person who told him who watched the meeting. He did not catch it but thought with the project of the Grindstone could we get grant money for this. Per the Superintendent he did put in a call, no call back. He checked his prior emails to see if was given an opportunity and did not have. If we know about it, we would have needed to submit a letter of intent. It is being explored to see if we can still be part of it and actively pursuing. There were no further questions or comments. Commissioner Levesque motions to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved. The forum ended at 5 minutes and 47 seconds.

III. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- A. **April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in Favor. Approved.

IV. **FINANCE**

- A. **Approve April 26, 2021 Warrants** – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the April 26, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

- B. Approve May 3, 2021 Warrants-** Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the May 3, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

Commissioner Lemieux to inquire of page 1 May 3 #5464 line item Suez from Terry GA. Per the Superintendent they are a company we use to do standpipe inspections. Project done last fall and they are late in sending the invoice.

- C. Approve May 10, 2021 Warrants -** Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the May 10, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in Favor. Approved.

Commissioner Lemieux to inquire Mill Stump Grinding in the amount of \$950.00. Per the Superintendent tress cut down a few years back and several stumps sticking up. They were used to clean the area up so that we did not have remove them. Would have been more costly to have a contractor come in to pull and clean up.

Commissioner Lemieux to inquire items Home Depot & CA Turner for pipes. Per the Superintendent the Home Depot expense was for a dewatering pump outside of the treatment facility building to keep the water from rising up. The pump failed it runs 24/7 365 days. We have 2 or 3 of these pumps. When the water gets too high it will back up in the pump station. Another set discharge so it does not overwhelm. Complex series of dewatering pumps. This pump that was replaced is a solo pump.

CA Turner is part of the work of the Grindstone that we took on ourselves was to cap an old sample line located where the knock down of the garage. We would have had to shut off entire feed line to Rochdale and to avoid this purchased an abounded saddle to the Corp and does not leak outside of the saddle. This was to avoid a major water system shut down. Seemed to be more cost effective that the cross country main to be without water. Kept service going while repair.

Commissioner Lemieux inquired about warrant item Formax. Per the Superintendent this is the company that repairs our bill stuffing machine.

Stiles Co is the company we purchase our meters from. Progress being made to have us install. Goal is to get in 100 a year.

Commissioner Levesque asked what the life expectancy of the new meters. Per the Superintendent he believes 15 on base 20 on the transmitter. Longer than the typical 10-year meter.

- D. Approve May 17, 2021 Warrants -** Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the May 17, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

Commissioner Lemieux inquired of the follow warrant items
JOS group: Per the Superintendent this is a local company used to remove the arsenic media of the vessels that we took on of the Grindstone project.

Morris Excavating: Another part of the Grindstone project. To remove the sample tap and relocated it to the other side of the existing booster station for the feed line. To be in compliance with DEP. Caping of the old and relocating the line.

Micro Lab: Is our quarterly water quality analysis.

The warrants consist as technical, office, payroll, postage, pipes, electricity, heat, motor vehicle, City of Worcester \$29,585.04, Legal \$81.00, Service Agreement, labs the combined total of the warrants were \$94,382.75

V. ADMINISTRATION - Nothing to report

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report –

Annual Meeting set for 5/20 at the Leicester Town Hall – to be hand count instead of electronic. Handouts of annual will be available.

Hydrant flushing for the Spring completed. Entire system done. Two hydrants to come out of service. One we own in the Oxford Section and we will fix, the other in town. Working with Highway Department to fix.

Waite St & Chapel broken gate valve. Hydrotech to come in next week and replace. Cost of gate valves increased and just on materials of the three valves will be \$5,000 does not include excavation.

Grindstone and Mass DEP met with Tata & Howard. DEP came back with several questions to be looked into. Will be working with Tata & Howard to complete and submit. It is a matter of Tata & Howard to fine tune to get over to MA DEP. Goal for them is to get it to them by end of the week.

Subscriber Buteau has the May 7 MADEP letter. Is this consistent with the May 4 meeting and if there are in any big surprises? Subscriber Buteau is reasonable consistent with what they discussed on May 4th. Pleased to hear that they will have the resubmission by end of week.

Chairman Bergin added that was pleased with the meeting and dialog. Beneficial to the District. Subscriber Buteau does not feel that the DEP was unreasonable with their questions to ensure safe drinking water for the customers.

VII. Communications – Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONNEL – Nothing to Report

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Virtual Meeting Tuesday, June 1, 2021 @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

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