



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

**SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL**  
**Annual Meeting of The Full Members**  
**March 31, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Convene Meeting:** President Neumann opened the business meeting at 7:40 P.M. at the Saco Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Saco, ME.

**Roll Call:**      **Present:**      *President Neumann – York Water District*  
Karen Arsenault – Trustee – YWD  
Fred Ricker – Trustee – YWD  
  
*Vice-President Leach – South Berwick Water District*  
Doug Letellier – Trustee – SBWD  
Henry Miller – Trustee - SBWD  
Paul Klebaur – Trustee - SBWD  
  
*Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District*  
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD  
Bob Wyman – Trustee – KWD  
  
*Director Crovo – Portland Water District*  
Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD  
Guy Cote – Trustee - PWD  
William Lunt – Trustee – PWD  
Robert McSorley – Trustee – PWD  
John Brady – Trustee – PWD  
Jamie Willey – Trustee – PWD  
David Margolis-Pineo – Trustee - PWD

*Director Mansfield – Biddeford-Saco Water Company*  
Robert Theriault – Assistant Treasurer - BSWC

*Director Parent – Sanford Water District*  
Dennis Knowles - Superintendent – SWD  
Keith Levasseur – District Engineer - SWD  
Roland Cote – Trustee - SWD

*Director Labbe – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District*  
Don Gobeil – Technical Services Director – KKWWD  
Wayne Brockway – KKWWD Treasurer  
Richard Littlefield – Trustee from Ogunquit – KKWWD  
Jim Burrows – Trustee from Kennebunk – KKWWD

Excused: NONE

Others Present: Robert Bohlmann – Director of York County E.M.A.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Introduction of Directors and Officers:** President Neumann introduced the nominated Directors and Officers of the SMRWC for 2011.

**Election of Directors:** *Dave Parent from the Sanford Water District motioned to approve the slate of directors for the Southern Maine Regional Water Council for 2011 to include Norm Labbe-KKWWD, Don Neumann-YWD, Chris Mansfield-BSWC, Guy Hodgdon-KWD, John Leach-SBWD, Chris Crovo-PWD, and Dave Parent-SWD. Seconded by Norm Labbe of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District. Unanimously Approved.*

**Approval of Minutes :** *Dave Parent motioned to approve the minutes of our last Annual Meeting held on February 18, 2010. Seconded by Dennis Knowles. Unanimously Approved.*

**President’s Report:**

**2010 Accomplishments –**

1. The SMRWC received the Regional Recognition Award for Best Practices in Regional Collaboration from the Greater Portland Council of Governments.
2. It was another successful year for the Chemical Purchasing Program with 20 utilities participating in the program and bids totaling over \$ 1,500,000.

3. In cooperation with the York County EMA the council provided National Incident Management (NIMS) training. 17 employees from member Districts obtained certification in ICS 100 and 700 courses.
4. The Council provided testimony in support of continued State Funding of the Saco River Corridor Commission.

### **2011 Focus -**

1. We are planning two exchanges between Districts personnel, one for treatment plant operators and one for distribution foreman. These exchanges will enable District's personnel to become familiar with each other's operation which will prove very beneficial in the event of a Mutual Aid event.
2. Five of our Districts that use the same make of water meter are leveraging their joint purchasing power to obtain the best price for all.
3. A meeting with the Saco River Corridor Commission will be scheduled shortly to review the findings and recommendations from our Regional Master Plan.
4. The Council is investigating an opportunity for an EPA Grant for Environmental Education in the Council's service area. This grant would provide water education to many 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

### **Robert Bohlmann – York County EMA :**

Mr. Bohlmann provided information to the assembled on timing to receive emergency funding after an event and also on the notification system that provides alerts to officials on possible upcoming emergency events.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to each attendee. Our current bank balance is \$ 14,859.62.

**Director's Subcommittee Reports:** There were no Subcommittee reports given at this meeting.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to come before the Council.

**New Business:**

**Appreciation Award** - President Neumann presented Dennis Knowles from the Sanford Water District with an appreciation award from the Council for his many years of service to the Council. Mr. Knowles will be retiring this year.

**Michael R. Nadeau Award** - President Neumann introduced the first recipient for this award – Robert Bohlmann – Director of the York County EMA.

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting date was not set at this time. The date and time will be set via email to all the Directors.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer*