



SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
Meeting
October 9, 2014

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Parent opened the meeting at 9:02 A.M. at the KKW Water District Offices, Kennebunk, ME.

Roll Call: Present: *President Parent – Sanford Water District*
 Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD

 Vice-President Knowlton – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

 Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District

 Director Leach – South Berwick Water District

 Director Crovo – Portland Water District
 Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD

 Director Labbe – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District

 Director Lynch – York Water District
 Donald Neumann – Superintendent – YWD

Excused: None

Others Present: None

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 4-3-2014:

Dave advised the Council of a needed revision to the minutes. Norman Butler was listed as a Trustee for the Sanford Water District and he is actually the Water Quality Manager for the district. **Vice-President Knowlton motioned to approve the minutes of the 4-3-2014 meeting as revised. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.**

Reports:

- **President's Report:**

None

- **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

1. Secretary Hodgdon distributed the financial report showing a current balance of \$ 10,451.54. **Director Lynch motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.**

- **Purchasing Co-Op Report:**

1. Director Lynch explained that the chemical bids for the SMRWC Co-Op will be going out in November to the 24 companies on our bid list. He reports that the program ran well again this year and there were only 2 minor problems.

- **Directors Reports:**

None

Old Business:

- **Maine Water Company – Biddeford-Saco:**

1. Vice-President Knowlton advised the Council that they see the next step to possible regionalization would be modeling of each system to see how all the infrastructure would play into a regional model. At the same time the Maine Water Company would continue to plan for their treatment plant upgrade. Director Labbe offered the services of their GIS Coordinator, Justin Richardson, to work with each district to see where they stand with their GIS mapping and modeling capabilities.
2. Vice-President Knowlton advised there is grant money available to assist districts with completing their system's modeling capacity.

- **PUC Proposed Rules – Regulatory Exemptions – Update:**

1. President Parent reviewed the current status of the proposed rules. Overall he feels the process is going favorably. Many of the SMRWC ideas are being considered. He will continue to monitor the progress of the proposed rules.

- **UNE Educational Grant Through the EPA – Update:**

1. Director Crovo will reconnect with UNE to find out the status of this program.

New Business:

- **Potential Legislation:**

1. The Council discussed various pieces of possible legislation that may be forth coming. Banning cellular towers on water tanks and the incorporation of a RAM (Revenue Adjustment Mechanism) procedure were 2 mentioned.

- **SMRWC Officers for 2015:**

Director Lynch nominated Director Labbe for President. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.

Director Crovo nominated Vice-President Knowlton to serve another term. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.

Director Crovo nominated Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon to serve another term. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.

Director Crovo motioned to elect the proposed slate of officers. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved

The newly elected officials will take office commencing on January 1, 2015.

- **MWUA December Meeting:**

1. President Parent informed the Council that the December 4, 2014 meeting of the MWUA will be hosted by the Maine Water Company – Biddeford/Saco in Saco. The SMRWC has been asked to provide an update about our group. Various topics and presenters were discussed among the Council. President Parent will confirm the presentations and coordinate with the MWUA.

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be called as needed.

Adjournment:

President Parent adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Sec. /Treas.