



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 14, 2021

MINUTES

Call To Order: President Levasseur opened the meeting at 9:04 AM via Zoom.

Roll Call: **Present:** *President Levasseur – Sanford Water District*
Vice-President Minor – KK&W Water District
Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District
Director Crovo – Portland Water District
Director Stevens – York Water District

Excused: *Director Knowlton - Maine Water Company*
Director Leach – South Berwick Water District

Others Present: Michael Rogers – Superintendent – Kittery Water District
Don Neumann – Superintendent – York Water District
Dave Parent – Superintendent Sanford Water District
Steve Cox – Superintendent – KK&W Water District
Ryan Lynch – York Water District
Carrie Lewis – General Manager – Portland Water District
Jim Wallace – Portland Water District
Michael Cummons – Maine Water Company
Mark Vannoy – Maine Water Company (proxy vote)

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Acceptance of the Annual Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020: Director Stevens motioned to approve the minutes of the 9-17-2020 meeting as written. Seconded by Vice-President Minor. 6 Yea 0 Nay 1 Absent Approved.

Reports:

Financial Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon circulated the written report. Our bank balance stands at \$ 10,778.18. **Vice-President Minor motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Crovo. 6 Yea 0 Nay 1 Absent Approved.**

Treatment Chemical Bid:

Ryan Lynch reported that all appears to be working well and Patrick Fitzgerald from the Portland Water District is doing a great job with this program. Prices for this year are up just slightly but still well received by the participants in this program.

Old Business:

Utilities Helping Utilities (UHU) Pandemic Weekly Meeting:

Participants in this weekly meeting continue to be very pleased. All feel these meetings have been very helpful to the Districts. President Levasseur will be hosting this Zoom meeting going forward.

Inter-District Water Transfer Costing Committee:

Ryan Lynch reported that the sub-committee continues to work towards a system that works for all. They hope to meet with someone who actually has a program in place and is using it to review how it is working. They plan to meet again in about a month.

New Business:

Annual Meeting:

Dates for the Annual Meeting via Zoom were discussed. The consensus of the Council was to have the meeting in late April via Zoom. President Levasseur asked all present to send him ideas for the program of the meeting ASAP. Tentative dates will be circulated for Council input.

Legislative Programs and Review:

Dave Parent reports that the legislature is back in session with many bills pending.

(Dave had to leave unexpectedly for a system emergency)

Operator Exchange Program:

The consensus of the Council was that this program should move forward, even if it means using Zoom for some meetings. Michael Cummons from Maine Water and Jim Wallace from the Portland Water District offered to help and host some programs.

Emergency Response – CMP Communication Strategies:

President Levasseur explained how response from CMP during an outage continues to be problematic. A general discussion ensued about how other Districts handle this situation. It was felt that as a critical utility we should be moved up the list for power restoration. Working with your local EMA could be a good idea move this idea forward.

Other Business:

Suspicious Email:

President Levasseur asked if others had received a suspicious looking email that reportedly came from MEWARN. Many had and had deleted it before opening.

Adjourn: ***Vice-President Minor motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 AM. Seconded by Director Stevens. 6 Yea 0 Nay 1 Absent Approved.***

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer