



SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL

Meeting

February 23, 2017

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the meeting at 2:02 P.M. at the offices of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District, Kennebunk, Me.

Roll Call: Present: *President Labbe - Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District*
Vice-President Knowlton – Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco
Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District
Director Parent – Sanford Water District
Director Crovo – Portland Water District
Director Lynch – York Water District

Excused: *Director Leach – South Berwick Water District*

Others Present: Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – SWD
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD
Don Neumann – Superintendent – YWD
Donna Buttarazzi - reporter for the York County Coast Star

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 11-9-16:

Director Lynch motioned to approve the minutes of the 11-9-16 meeting. Seconded by Director Parent. Unanimously Approved.

Reports:

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to the Council. Our current bank balance is \$ 9,641.74. ***Director Parent motioned to***

***approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Lynch.
Unanimously Approved.***

- Secretary Hodgdon advised we have received 11 of the 18 Chemical Purchasing Co-Op participation checks so far.

President:

- President Labbe briefly discussed the press release he had sent out in January relative to the SMRWC position on the new Maine Water Company treatment facility in Biddeford. The release had been pre-approved by the Council.
- President Labbe discussed with the Council some upcoming legislation that will probably impact our Districts. LD 90 is the first to come up with a hearing scheduled for next week.

Purchasing Co-Op:

- Director Lynch reported that the bids for chemical purchasing have been received and overall they are up 3-4%. There are 40 different chemical categories in the bid and 24 companies responded. The program seems to be running well with no complaints so far.

Old Business:

Hydraulic Modeling Project:

- The project is mostly completed however some deliverables are still pending.

New Business:

S.M.R.W.C. Officers:

- ***Director Lynch proposed to re-elect the current slate of Officers to another term. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously approved.***

Annual Meeting:

- The Annual Meeting of the S.M.R.W.C. has been set for April 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Duffy's Tavern in Kennebunk, Me. The program will be on Drought Management and Experiences.

Purchasing Co-Op: sharing work load:

- Director Lynch has been running this program since its inception. The Council agreed it makes sense to move this workload around the Council members on a

rotating basis, with two people involved - incoming and outgoing co-chairs. Director Crovo offered PWD to provide the first incoming co-chair. The Council also thought it was advisable for the personnel administering the program to be involved in the laboratory or water treatment functions of their utility. Occasional written reports will be provided by the co-chairs to the Council.

Other Business:

York County Coast Star Reporter:

- Council members fielded several questions from YCCS reporter Donna Buttarazzi relating to the new Saco River treatment plant to be built by the Maine Water Company in Biddeford.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on April 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Duffy's Tavern in Kennebunk.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer