



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

**SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 26, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Call To Order:** President Lynch opened the meeting at 9:05 AM at the offices of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District.

**Roll Call:** Present: *President Lynch – York Water District*  
*Vice-President Knowlton - Maine Water Company*  
*Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District*  
*Director Leach – South Berwick Water District*  
*Director Crovo – Portland Water District*  
*Director Parent – Sanford Water District*  
*Director Labbe – KK&W Water District*

Excused: None

Others Present: Michael Rogers – Superintendent – Kittery Water District  
Don Neumann – Superintendent – York Water District  
Carrie Lewis – General Manager – Portland Water District  
Keith Lavasseur – District Engineer – Sanford Water District

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Full Members Meeting on 5-16-2018:**  
*Director Labbe motioned to approve the minutes of the 5-16-2018 meeting. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.*

**Financial Report:** Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report. SMRWC's current bank balance is \$ 6,377.71.

*Director Parent motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Director Labbe. Unanimously Approved.*

## **Reports:**

President Lynch asked if Patrick from the Portland Water District could attend the next meeting of the Council as he will be taking over the duties of the Treatment Chemical Purchasing Co-Coordinator. Director Crovo confirmed Patrick would be at the next meeting.

## **Old Business:**

President Lynch and Past President Labbe discussed some projects to be addressed by the Council. Ideas include:

- Website updating.  
A website sub-committee was formed including President Lynch, Director Crovo and Michelle Clements from PWD. Director Lynch will send around a contact list for people to update and confirm information.
- PFAS issues to stay informed about
- PUC drought plans
- By-Laws review and update.  
A by-law review sub-committee was formed including President Lynch, Director Crovo, Vice-President Knowlton and Director Labbe.
- SMRWC goal statements to be used on the website and also provided to legislators to inform them who we are and what we do.
- The fluoride issue and how it might impact our interconnectivity plans.

Director Parent agreed to continue to keep the Council informed about legislative issues that impact our industry.

## **New Business:**

- There was discussion to clarify that Directors can be elected by individual Full Members preferably before the annual meeting but only officers must be elected at the annual meeting.
- Standing meeting dates – based on the poll conducted by President Lynch it appears that the third week of the month on a Tuesday or Wednesday fits everyone's schedule the best. Generally we will try to schedule meetings on these dates.
- The website committee will also work on providing generic email addresses for the Council that will stay the same even when Council members change.

## **Other Business:**

- Increasing the items we buy in bulk as a Council was discussed and will be pursued further.
- Private healthcare was also discussed. The consensus was that even as a group we are too small and complex to be able to compete with the health care companies.
- Future speaker/topic ideas include:
  - Dalyn Houser – Executive Director Saco River Corridor Commission
  - Cybersecurity Session- Might be developed further for internal training/discussion.

- PUC vs Self Governance as the Portland Water District is doing.
- How new Maine Water Company plant water quality will fit regionally.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on August 2, 2018 at 9:00 AM. The location is TBD.

**Adjournment:**

*Director Leach motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Director Parent. Unanimously Approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer*