



SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL

Meeting

May 12, 2015

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Labbe opened the meeting at 10:04 A.M. at the KKW Water District Offices, 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 Crovo – Portland Water District

Director Parent – Sanford Water District

Director Lynch – York Water District

Excused: *Director Leach – South Berwick Water District*

Others Present: Keith Levasseur – District Engineer – Sanford Water District

Michael Rogers – Superintendent – Kittery Water District

Don Neumann – Superintendent – York Water District

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 3-31-2015:

Director Crovo motioned to approve the minutes of the 3-31-2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Director Lynch. Unanimously Approved.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 4-9-2015:

Director Crovo motioned to approve the minutes of the 4-9-2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Director Parent. Unanimously Approved.

Reports:

- **President's Report:**

1. President Labbe reported that the Drinking Water Program approved funding for six of the seven SMRWC members' Capacity Development Grant applications. Portland Water District's was not approved since it already had a Capacity Development grant pending. (only one is allowed at a time). There will be more discussion on this item later in the meeting.
2. President Labbe described the discussion he and several other Maine water utility representatives had with Maine DEP Commissioner Pat Aho at a meeting in Augusta on Friday, May 8 relative to the proposed move of the DWP to DEP. The legislative language that proposes the merger is currently included in the "Governor's Budget Bill", which was recently heard by the Taxation Committee. It now appears that the language will be removed from that bill and will be part of a new piece of proposed legislation, which will be heard by one or more committees that are more familiar with the subject.

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

1. Secretary Hodgdon distributed the financial report showing our current bank balance of \$ 10,775.64. ***Vice-President Knowlton motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.***

- **Purchasing Co-Op Report:**

1. Director Lynch advised that he has had no reported problems with the program to date.

- **Directors Reports:**

None

Old Business:

- **ME DWP Grant funding for Hydraulic Modeling Project:**

1. The Council entered into a lengthy discussion about this project. Items reviewed during the discourse included: vendor or vendors to be used to produce the study, study items and deliverables common to all Members and a timetable to complete the study. The contracts for use of the grant funding must be approved by April 2016.
2. The following action items resulted from today's conversation:
 - President Labbe will check with Norm Lamie from the DWP to determine how the grant monies can be used.
 - Each individual SMRWC Member will develop a scope of deliverables that are important to their District.

- President Labbe and Vice-President Knowlton will work with Justin Richardson from KKWWD and Steve Cox from Maine Water Company to determine the current status of the SMRWC members' hydraulic modeling plans.
- President Labbe will create an initial draft of potential items to be considered for inclusion in the part of the study that will be common to all members.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the offices of the KKWWD.

Adjournment:

President Labbe adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Sec. /Treas.