



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

**SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL**  
**Meeting**  
**January 15, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**Convene Meeting:** President Parent opened the meeting at 9:04 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*  
Judy Wallingford – President, Maine Water – Biddeford and Saco

*Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District*  
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD

*Director Leach – South Berwick Water District*

*Director Crovo – Portland Water District*  
Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD  
Steve Hudson – PWD Lobbyist  
Donna Katsificias – PWD Counsel

*Director Labbe – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District*  
Don Gobiell – KK&W Technical Services Dir. / MWUA President

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

**Excused:**      None

**Others Present:** None

### **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 10-8-13:**

**Director Labbe motioned to approve the minutes of the 10-8-13 meeting. 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 \$ 11,073.04. **Director Crovo motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.**

- **Purchasing Co-Op Report:**

1. Director Lynch explained that the chemical bids for the SMRWC Co-Op have been received. 8 quotes went up in price, 23 went down in price and 8 stayed the same. He reports our total bid value was 1.66 million dollars. He will be forwarding the billing information to Sec./Treas. Hodgdon within the next few weeks.

- **Directors Reports:**

1. Director Crovo reported that the Sustain Southern Maine group is using our master plan as a basis for some of their recommendations.

### **Old Business:**

- **PUC Inquiry into Regulatory Reform Plan for Consumer Owned Water Utilities**

1. President Parent opened the topic and turned the discussion over the Mr. Miller to present an amended proposal of the plan. After a brief description Mr. Miller introduced Ms. Katsificias and Mr. Hudson to explain the new proposal. After much discussion the consensus of the Council was to support the new proposal presented. The topic of assessments from the PUC will be handled at a later date.
2. After MWUA President Mr. Gobiell made the invitation it was decided that some Council members would meet with the MWUA Board at their Annual Meeting in February to discuss this proposal.

### **New Business:**

- University of New England Educational Grant through the EPA

Director Crovo explained that UNE is again seeking a 2 year grant to educate students in 21 schools about water issues. They are hoping that Districts can loan some basic equipment to this program. **Vice-President Knowlton motioned to send a letter of support for the UNE grant to the EPA. Seconded by Director Leach. Unanimously Approved.**

- Maine Water Company Regional Water Resources Discussion

Vice-President Knowlton advised that volume #1 of their report is completed and on their website for review. The Volume #2 draft has just been completed and is in the review process at this time.

He advised the Council that these reports would be the basis for his keynote presentation at our Annual Meeting in March/April.

- 2014 Meter Order through EJP

Mr. Neumann and Director Leach will contact EJP to setup a meeting to discuss pricing for mass meter purchasing by some of our members.

### **Other Business:**

None

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be called as needed.

### **Adjournment:**

***President Parent adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.***

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Sec. /Treas.*