



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 27, 2019

MINUTES

Call To Order: President Lynch opened the meeting at 9:07 AM at the offices of the KKW Water District in Kennebunk, ME.
He welcomed our newest member Scott Minor to the Board and also a new attendee Steve Cox to the meeting.

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

Excused: *Director Leach – South Berwick Water District*

Others Present: Michael Rogers – Superintendent – Kittery Water District
Carrie Lewis – General Manager – Portland Water District
Don Neumann – Superintendent – York Water District
Steve Cox – Superintendent – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019:

Director Parent motioned to approve the minutes of the 6-20-19 meeting as written. Seconded by Vice-President Crovo. Unanimously Approved.

Financial Report:

Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon distributed our current financial statement showing a bank balance of \$ 4,187.72. *Director Parent motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Director Knowlton. Unanimously Approved.*

Full Member Dues:

Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon advised the Board that our current bank balance is lower than it has been for the past 10 years. After discussion, *Director Parent motioned to approve a dues assessment for the Full Members of \$1,000. Seconded by Vice-President Crovo. Unanimously Approved.* Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon will distribute an invoice to each of the full members.

Old Business:

Water Transfer Between Districts Pricing:

Director Knowlton has been in discussion with an engineer about a cost of service evaluation, regulatory implications review, and potential pricing structure to be used for water transfer between Districts under various scenarios. The estimated cost for this service is \$50,000 - \$60,000. The Council has a consensus to pursue grant funding for this study once we have more of a direction. Director Knowlton will follow up with the engineer to pursue the cost for drafting an RFP for these services and report back to the Board. If we pursue grant funding for this project it must be done by the individual districts as grant money isn't available to a regional council.

New Business:

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting for 2019 held on June 20, 2019 was discussed. Overall the consensus was the meeting, venue and food was positive. The Council complimented President Lynch for a well-run meeting. Next year we hope to move the meeting date back to late April or early May.

Training:

Ideas for training were discussed. Active Shooter, "Stop the Bleed" and CPR seminars were some ideas discussed.

Legislation:

The lack of a lobbyist in Augusta for the water industry was reviewed. MWUA stopped funding for the position and we were forced to be reactionary to pending bills rather than being ahead of the proposals. Director Parent will review this situation with the MWUA Board.

Website:

President Lynch showed our website on the internet. Various needed updates were reviewed. The idea of hiring someone to keep the website updated and fresh was forwarded. More discussion of this will take place at a future meeting.

Other Business:

Public Relations:

The Council discussed a current situation with one of our members and how they could help support the member with the issues in contention. How the media and social media can be used to sway the truth is a problem we are all facing.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled by the President after a survey of possible dates and times is completed.

Adjournment: *Vice-President Crovo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Director Minor. Unanimously Approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.*

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer