Board of Commissioners
Public Session
Minutes
April 18, 2016
(approved May 16, 2016)

Present: L. Woods, T. Pellegrino, G. Keller, J. Comer, J. Balcom, Superintendent R. Miner, Water Quality Support/Administrative Manager J. Lavoie

Financial Review – March 2016

L. Woods questioned account 60250 (Testing/Licensing). N. Couture noted that the money in this account is used for employee testing and licensure. R. Miner noted that all water testing costs for the PFOA issue are being paid through the state.

L. Woods questioned whether the office equipment from this account is finished. N. Couture noted that the office equipment account has been used to its fullest extent this year.

L. Woods questioned account 70100 (R&M Communications Equipment). R. Miner noted that this money was used to purchase a base station and repeater.

L. Woods questioned whether account 70500 (R&M Monitoring Wells/ Samples) is an internal account. R. Miner noted that this is so and that there is some testing coming up.

L. Woods questioned why account 70600 (R&M Structures) is overexpended. N. Couture noted that all building are included in this account.

L. Woods questioned whether account 81900 (Engineering) has any impact from the PFOA issue. An answer to this question will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

L. Woods questioned whether the moving of the money to the capital reserve fund is a normal practice at this time. N. Couture noted that she spoke with District Treasurer M. Carrier before this move was made.

T. Pellegrino questioned whether the District is purchasing new fire hydrants. R. Miner noted that fire hydrants are in inventory and when they are used they are expensed into the budget. N. Couture noted that this account also includes hydrant parts. J. Lavoie noted that the District has over 900 fire hydrants in place.

J. Balcom questioned account 40407 (Miscellaneous income). N. Couture noted that the money in this account includes unanticipated income. She noted that a refund from PRIMEX from the prior year would be included in this amount.

G. Keller questioned the hydrant charges. N. Couture noted that this money is from the hydrant fees. It is based on a 3 year rolling average.

Non-Public Session:

A motion was made by J. Balcom and seconded by T. Pellegrino to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(d) "…Acquisition, sale or lease of property". The motion passed 5-0-0 on a roll call vote.

After the Non-Public Session:

A motion was made by T. Pellegrino and seconded by G. Keller to seal the minutes of the non-public session of April 18, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Board of Commissioners to approve minutes from the March 21, 2016 Public and Non-Public sessions and Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by T. Pellegrino and seconded by J. Comer to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2016 Public and Non-Public sessions. The motion passed 5-0-0

A motion was made by T. Pellegrino and seconded by J. Comer to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting with a correction on page 2. The motion passed 4-0-1 with J. Balcom abstaining.

Board of Commissioners to discuss perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) issue and next steps with Emery & Garrett Groundwater Investigations and Underwood Engineers, Inc.

J. Marts, EGGI, noted that the District is still looking for guidance from USEPA. The District is currently in a “wait and see” mode.

R. Miner noted that there will be blending of water from wells 2 and 5, with well 4 off-line. Pennichuck Water Works says that their PFOA is 3 ppt. He noted that finished water from wells 7&8 after treatment will be sampled. R. Miner noted that wells 7,8,& 2 will be used for longer cycles; as the water usage goes up during the year wells 5 and 3 will be added. The USEPA has not contacted the District, nor has it contacted EGGI.

J. Marts noted that EGGI has not been contacted by Pennichuck. L. Woods noted that meetings were held on April 4 and April 11 with MVD, NHDES, and Pennichuck. T. Pellegrino noted that NHDES, Pennichuck, and the governor’s staff talked prior to these meetings. The thinking out of this meeting was that MVD should hook up to Pennichuck. L. Woods noted that the District is working on the PFOA issue and expects to have the latitude to look at options. There is nothing sure about the rate at which Pennichuck would sell water to the District. Pennichuck needs approval from the PUC. His understanding is that Pennichuck would pursue this rate with the PUC. He understood that Pennichuck would bring a number to the MVD. M. Metcalfe noted that his understanding was

that Pennichuck needs an agreement from the MVD whether this is a viable alternative for the MVD. L. Woods noted that Pennichuck should be told very clearly that the MVD will look at a number given to the MVD by Pennichuck. M. Metcalfe noted that some infrastructure improvements would be needed to put Pennichuck water into the MVD's tank. R. Miner noted he would approach Pennichuck to get these numbers from the PUC.

M. Metcalfe noted a draft letter regarding the fact that the MVD is incurring costs and the MVD is responsible for hiring contractors, not St. Gobain. He noted a concern regarding the mixing of ground water and surface water. There is a need to look at pH and alkalinity.

T. Pellegrino noted that he doesn't want to give any idea that the MVD will hook up to Pennichuck; the MVD is not going to hook up at this time. Pennichuck can go at any time they wish to the PUC to get the number. He noted he does not want to do anything that will let

Pennichuck think that the MVD will hook up to their system. J. Balcom noted that the District needs to do due diligence; all alternatives need to be reviewed, Pennichuck is one such alternative.

L. Woods questioned whether the system can be kept viable regarding potable water and fire protection if water from wells #2, 7, & 8 are blended. R. Miner noted that water from well 3 can be added, if needed. This would give the District 4.7M gpd. L. Woods noted that the number that looks to be the standard will be 100 ppt. R. Miner noted that without well #5, there is nothing over 27 ppt. The system can be run using wells 2, 7, 8 & 3.

M. Metcalfe noted that UEI is continuing to draw up sketches for temporary treatment at wells 4 & 5. More work is still needed to add the GAC treatment at the treatment plant for wells 7 & 8. The iron and manganese treatment would come before the GAC filter. The cost for this is estimated to be $3-4M. The cost for rental of this equipment would be about $900,000.

R. Miner questioned whether the Board is interested in a bulk mailing to ratepayers to let them know what the District is doing. It was noted that it would be to the District's advantage to let the ratepayers know what is happening. The PFOA investigation telephone number and hours of operation should be added to any mailing made to the ratepayers.

R. Miner noted that St. Gobain is looking for the cost of connections for affected private wells to hook up to MVD.

Board of Commissioners to hear updates on the construction of the treatment plant and discuss a new substantial completion date with Underwood Engineers, Inc.

M. Metcalfe noted that the permit for the sludge facility has been obtained. The substantial completion date will need to be pushed out. It was noted that the plant is ready to push water out into the system tomorrow or the day after. Substantial completion should be May 9, 2016. All bacteria tests are negative. The system will be run at 1250 gpm during the demonstration run which will be 8 hours per day, not 24/7. If the system is run 8 hours per day there are more hands on deck to deal with any problems that may occur during the demo period.

R. Miner noted that he is good with running the system 8 hours per day and recommends that the substantial completion date be extended to May 9, 2016 with no penalty.

Board of Commissioner to consider the request of Kimberly Yarlott, Principal of Reeds Ferry Elementary School for the use of a fire hydrant and MVD water for their Fun Day activities on June 14th, 2016 with a thunder-date of June 15th, 2016.

A motion was made by J. Balcom and seconded by T. Pellegrino to give permission for the use of a fire hydrant and MVD at no charge water to Reeds Ferry Elementary School for their Fun Day activities on June 14, 2016 with a thunder-date of June 15, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Board of Commissioner to elect Chairman, Vice Chairman and Personnel Liaison for the 2016-2017 year.

A motion was made by J. Comer and seconded by J. Balcom to keep the same Chairman, Vice Chairman and Personnel Liaison as for the 2015-2016 year. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

7. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

8. Superintendent's Report

USDA – R. Miner noted that D. Dudley asked that insect traps be allowed on MVD property. The USDA is looking for the bark beetle, and invasive species.

9. Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public at this time.

10. Questions from the Press

There were no questions from the press at this time.

Adjourn

A motion was made by T. Pellegrino and seconded by J. Balcom to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Pointon, Recording Secretary