

**Dighton Water District  
192 Williams Street  
North Dighton, MA 02764**

Edward Swartz  
Derek Lach  
Jason Quinn  
*COMMISSIONERS*  
Tina Bragga  
*Clerk/Treasurer*

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS BOTH AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Chairman Swartz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 12, 2020.

**GUEST CHUCK ADELSBERGER, ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS – PROJECT UPDATES**  
Cedar Street Well #1 and Dias Property Groundwater Exploration – Environmental Partners (EP) has had some success at the Groundwater Exploration Program but not at the Dias Property. A replacement well for Cedar #1 has been sited. The well could potentially produce 300 gallons per minute but only permitted for 120. Cedar #1 well is currently only getting about 50 gallons per minute. EP will compile the data for the Dias property. The Dias Property is not a sufficient groundwater source to cost effectively produce a new wellfield. Chuck Adelsberger explained to the Board that EP had not found a well site on the Dias property worth pursuing. The test wells that were drilled have hit rock. The Board discussed that they feel there is water there that should be pursued. Chairman Swartz suggested we look through the records to see if there is a reason why the current Cedar Street wells are not deeper, did they also hit rock. Chuck asked to defer till the next meeting so he can bring in EP's Geologist who is an expert in her field and can better explain why they feel we should abandon the project.

Water System Master Plan – Commissioner Lach questioned when the Master Plan would be complete. It has been several months since EP had projected the completion of the project. Chuck explained that it was on him and he will push the staff to complete. He stated that they have been waylaid by the Groundwater Exploration Project which they would like to include in the Master Plan.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the April 14, 2020 monthly meeting, motion passed unanimously.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**FINANCIAL CONDITION:**

Chairman Swartz asked for a motion to accept the financial reports as emailed to the Board, Commissioner Lach so moved, Commissioner Quinn second, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure warrants as presented and listed by number on the agenda and designating the Chairman to sign on behalf of the board, motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

Superintendent Cloonan reported that Somerset Water Department will be keeping the Brook Street well. Somerset Water needs to replace the line to this well. Somerset would like Dighton Water to take over roughly 20 customers on Brook Street. The District would need to run an additional 1000 feet of water main to Elm Street to connect these customers to our water supply. This connection will make a loop which will help our flow and water quality. Brook Street customers would receive better quality water from Dighton. Somerset Water should send letters to these residents explaining the process.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project: The Contractors are in the process of install a 6-inch line across the road. They are starting on the services and they have to reconnect into the meter pit.

Annual Election/Annual District Meeting – Discuss/Decision Moving Election: Will review prior to next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clothing Allowance – Employees have concerns of spending their clothing allowance prior to the end of the fiscal year with retail stores closed due to the Covid-19 shutdowns. Board will readdress at June meeting. Encourage employees to use their remaining clothing allowance.

Credit Card – The Board discussed a Visa credit card for the Superintendents use. Currently there is one card held by the Treasurer for online purchases. Commissioner Lach feels there is a lot of wasted time that could be saved if they Superintendent had his own card. The Board discussed the pros and cons of an additional credit card and could not come to an agreement. Will readdress.

The Board stated the office will reopen when the Governor says it can open safely. Staff to practice social distancing. District to open to the public when the Town opens.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

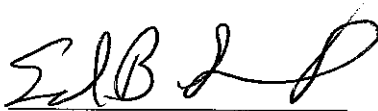
Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

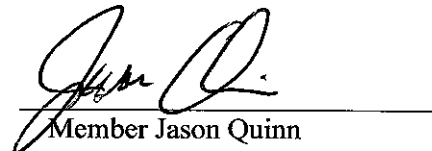
**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Swartz made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Tina Bragga  
District Clerk

  
Chairman Ed Swartz

  
Clerk Derek Lach

  
Member Jason Quinn