

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

Derek Lach  
Jason Quinn  
Eric Horrocks  
*COMMISSIONERS*  
Tina Bragga  
*Clerk/Treasurer*

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

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Chairman Derek Lach called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on February 8, 2021.

**GUEST:** Chuck Adelsberger – Environmental Partners (EP) – Project Update

Chuck started with the Cedar Street Well #1 Replacement project. EP has requested the district to install two raw water hydrants so testing can be done along this line. Will also need pump curves for the existing wells, will be running pump test on these. Sullivan Well Drillers may possibly start drilling the production well next week.

Risk & Resilience Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Chuck mentioned that the RRA needs to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. This is a regulatory compliance required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The District will have to certify that both the RRA and ERP have been completed. Commissioner Horrocks questioned if the district should update the website prior to performing the RRA. Chuck stated that is not necessary but he will provide question to ask the company providing the service to ensure safety.

The Main Street Water Main Replacement project has been approved by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). Dighton has been designated as a disadvantaged community which means there may be an opportunity for grant funding along with the loan. There is also a possibility of loan forgiveness and 2% or lower rate. The District will have to appropriate local funding by June 30, 2021 to be eligible for this funding. Design and application are due by October 15, 2021 with bids and contract awarded by June 30, 2022. Commissioner Quinn questioned what the district could do now to start the process. Chuck stated he could start budgeting the project on the design side, EP had previously provided the district with a conservative cost estimate on the project. EP will put together a scope of work and task order for the project.

Chuck mentioned that Woodard & Curran are involved with the Regional Interconnectivity Study and had asked EP directly for a copy of the Hydraulic Model. Because of potential liability issues on EP's part, they require a signed form. EP ended up giving model directly to Superintendent Cloonan who passed along to Woodard & Curran. Cost to purchase the software to support the Hydraulic Model in house would be \$4,000 to \$7,000 annually plus training staff to use the software. The cost to have EP run the model when needed would be \$1,500 to \$2,000 per project.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:**

On a motion made and seconded the Board approve minutes of the January 12th monthly meeting and January 12<sup>th</sup> executive session minutes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

FINANCIAL CONDITION:

On a motion made and seconded the Board voted to accept the financial reports as presented.

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the expenditure warrants as presented.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Superintendent Jeff Cloonan reported Woodard & Curran will be performing seismic testing to find the best spot for well exploration off Milk Street.

T-Mobile will be doing upgrades to their antennas at the Elm and Williams Street tanks. Jeff made demands that the site is put back to the way it looks now, has been signed off.

Robert's Filter started the rehab on the second filter, project is moving along quickly. The welder who will be repairing any holes on the filter is running a little behind, anticipate he will be starting this week.

Sullivan Well Drillers should be in soon not only for the Cedar 1 well replacement but also for the Cedar 3 pump repairs and test wells off of Milk Street.

We will be taking some Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) samples. We are mandated to take these sample by October.

Revize website designers will present a demo at the next meeting of the Board. Cost to redesign our website is \$7,700 which includes constructing and first year of site, \$2,200 second year and forward.

There is a plan in place for the Main Street Project, Woodard & Curran will be the engineers. Woodard & Curran will have all the time lines to us very soon.

Foreman Greg Olsen and Jeff have been speaking with Easton Winwater to perform a propagation study. Meters could be read by a collator and then sent right to our office. This study would be free. We will probably need two collators to cover the district. Rough cost would be a one-time fee of \$15,000.00. Meters will cost roughly \$20 more each.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – Gilbert Hall water is off and down.

T-Mobile Antenna Renewal – Attorney has reviewed. Next step is to send to T-Mobile for their review.

Water Rate Study – Woodard & Curran is in the process of gathering information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Lach asked where we are with the unaccounted water. Superintendent Cloonan reported that the unaccounted water is about the same percentage as last year and he is still working on the numbers. Has just received the tool for the Annual Statistical Report (ASR). The state likes the unaccounted water to be around 10 percent. Will also be taking a class on water loss reporting late this month. The class will show what we can deduct from the unaccounted totals. Commissioner Quinn would like to look further into meter inaccuracy and possible leaks. Will look further into a leak audit. Board would like to look further into replacing the 400 analog meters that are still left in the system. Will ask legal how to proceed.

Old Williams Estates – Payment Plan  
District Attorney is reviewing.

Guest: Evan Watson, Representing Long Built Homes – Hunter Hills Development  
Hunter Hills Development has been at a standstill for quite a while. Long Built Homes has a purchase and sales on the property to develop and complete the remainder of the project. Long Built Homes will not be put in the golf course or restaurant that were in the original plan. New homes will not be allowed to hook irrigation systems to town water. Will have the Home Owners Association (HOA) responsible to set up a hydrant flushing program paying special attention to the dead ends. At this time Long Built Homes is requesting a Will Serve letter from the District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Monday, March 8, 6:00 pm

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lach made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

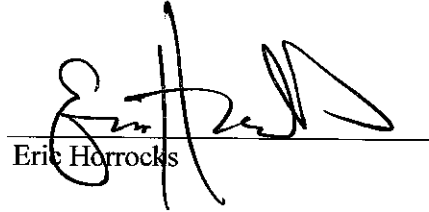


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