

**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

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Chairman of the Board Derek Lach called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on May 6, 2021.

GUEST: No Guest

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

On a motion made and seconded the Board approved the minutes of the April 12th monthly and April 12th executive session meeting.

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 staff is finishing up hydrant flushing. Flushing has gone well and is scheduled to be completed by Friday which is a week ahead of schedule.

Groundwater well exploration near Brook Street. Drillers have found some promising spots. We will continue to investigate further.

Cedar Well #3 has been cleaned, new pump has been installed. In the process of cleaning Cedar Well #1. Even though we are replacing this well, we need the current well for another year.

The District has been listed to potentially receive a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan for the Main Street Water Main Replacement project. The Fund is asking for a motion from the Board to approve pending funding, that we are going to go forward with the project.

On a motion made and seconded the Board of Water Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with the funding of the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project pending approval of District voters at the May 27th, 2021 Annual District meeting.

At the request of the Superintendent the Board of Water Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with the purchase of land located on Milk Street, lot 208 for the potential siting of

future drinking water wells pending the results of a groundwater exploration program and successfully negotiate for the sale of the property with the current owners. The land purchase is also subject to the availability of funds and approval of District wide meeting.

Superintendent Cloonan reported that there is a piece of property on Winthrop Street that is being developed. This project abuts District property. To date the District has not been notified of the project. Board of Health agent, Todd Pilling is raising concern with some of the design and stormwater issues with run off. Would like to resolve the issue in conjunction with the town.

On a motion made and seconded the Board of Water Commissioners voted unanimously for the Superintendent to work with the Town of Dighton and the Department of Environmental Protection to stop the progress of the Winthrop Street, Map 101 – Lot 27, Taunton, MA development project until further investigation and clarification of the impact to the District Wells can be performed. The District was not notified as an abutter prior to start of this project.

Jeff reported that we have explored a few insurance companies. FB Insured came in and did an analysis for us. We decided that they are more suited to our needs at this point, the town also uses FB Insured. The Board agreed to move forward with this company.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bristol County Agricultural High School Project – no update

T-Mobile Antenna Renewal – Waiting for remarks from T-Mobile

Meter Upgrade Program – no update

Budget Fiscal 2022 – Board will review prior to May 20th.

Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) – Investing

Treasurer Tina Bragga asked the Board to invest the Districts Other Post Employee Benefit (OPEB) funds with Bartholmew & Company. The Town of Dighton along with other towns and districts have invested with Bartholmew & Company with good results.

On a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Treasurer to invest the Other Post Employee Benefit (OPEB) funds with Bartholmew & Company.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners – Thursday, June 10th, 6:00 pm

The District Annual Election will be held on May 17th from noon to 7pm at the Treatment Plant

The Annual District meeting will be May 27th at 7pm.

Prior to the Annual Meeting on May 27th there will be a public hearing to present the Main Street Water Main Replacement project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Executive Session:

Board of Commissioners voted to enter into executive session at 7:20pm under the provisions of Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3). Roll call was taken. Meeting will not return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lach made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm.

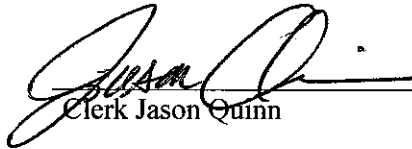
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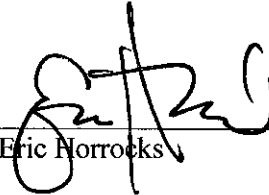
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