



DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

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Commissioners

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MAY 27, 2021

The Annual District Meeting of the Dighton Water District was held at the Dighton Middle School gymnasium on May 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The warrant for the meeting was posted on May 17, 2021 at the Dighton Water Treatment Plant, Town Offices and the Post Offices in Dighton.

District Clerk, Tina Bragga, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and went as follows:
Pledge of allegiance.

ARTICLE 1

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

On a motion made and seconded, Susana Medeiros was nominated moderator for the evening.

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to consider adjournment at nine o'clock.

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the articles, and that reference to be made by number and content.

ARTICLE 2

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to accept the written/oral Board of Commissioners report as read.

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to accept the Annual Reports of the District Clerk/Treasurer and the Superintendent as printed and be entered into the official record.

ARTICLE 3

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to establish the salaries of the elected officers.

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,676.85 to compensate officers as described under Article 3.

ARTICLE 4

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,700 to bond the Treasurer in accordance with Section 121, Chapter 41, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$463,665.83 for the redemption of District Bonds and Notes becoming due in the year ending June 30, 2022 and to pay the interest on District Debt.

ARTICLE 6

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, \$1,838,010.00 to defray District charges and assessments for the year ending June 30, 2022 as approved by the Commissioners of the District.

ARTICLE 7

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the year ending June 30, 2022 in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and Acts in Amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 8

On a motion made and seconded, the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, \$9,000.00 to the District's Reserve Account for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, said monies to be expended from said Reserve Account by approval of the Dighton Water District Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 9

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,510.00 for the District's Webmaster.

ARTICLE 10

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$70,000.00 testing, maintenance, repair, and/or upgrading of water meters.

ARTICLE 11

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 to perform a Valve Exercise Program and repairs.

ARTICLE 12

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$14,900.00 to perform an Emergency Response Plan Update.

ARTICLE 13

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$24,000.00 for renovations to the Dighton Water District Treatment Plant offices.

ARTICLE 14

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously that \$3,850,000.00 (three million eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars) be appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction of the replacement of the Main Street water main project to include replacement of existing cast iron water main with ductile iron water main, replacement of hydrants, gate valves, and water services; including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners is authorized to borrow \$3,850,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under (Chapter 44 of the General Laws or insert reference to other applicable general or special law governing the issuance of local bonds) and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the District unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Water Commissioners is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

ARTICLE 15

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$265,000.00 to perform a Field Survey for the Main Street Water Main Replacement project.

ARTICLE 16

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$120,000.00 to have a Maintenance Contractor provide services to replace approximately 800 meter interface units that are under warrantee and to replace approximately 400 analog meters with digital read meters.

ARTICLE 17

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to amend "Article VI Section 6 Right of Entry" of the District's General Bylaws in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Article VI

Section 6: Right of Entry

Owners or occupants of any commercial, industrial or residential premises served by the Dighton Water District shall allow entry to their premises without a warrant for the purpose of inspecting and surveying their water system for new installations or cross connections or to remove, repair or replace any water meter at any time the District deems necessary. When access is refused, the water shall be shut off and not turned on until such access has been allowed and fees have been paid for shutting off and turning on the water.

ARTICLE 18

On a motion made and seconded the District voted unanimously to recognize outstanding citizen contributions of time, talent and resources to the Dighton Water District.

ARTICLE 19

There was no other business to legally come before said meeting.

District voted to dissolve the Annual District meeting of May 27, 2021 at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Bragga
District Clerk

Board of Water Commissioners

