

January 18, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Water District was held at 268 Court Street, Auburn, Maine on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Kevin Arel, Dan Bilodeau, Robert Cavanagh, Eric Gould, Stephen Milks, President and Mayor's Representative, Jason Pawlina and Andrew Titus, Treasurer. Also present: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent and Tanya Dunn, Finance Manager.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of December 14, 2022**

On a motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was voted 5 in favor with 2 abstentions: **To accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting.**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING of December 14, 2022**

On a motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was voted 5 in favor with 2 abstentions: **To accept the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting.**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING of December 14, 2022**

On a motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Eric Gould, it was voted 5 in favor with 2 abstentions: **To accept the minutes of the Public Hearing.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (E) to DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER**

On a motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Kevin Arel, it was unanimously voted: **To move into Executive Session.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6) (C) to DISCUSS A PROPERTY MATTER**

On a motion of Andrew Titus, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To move into Executive Session.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE**

Usage was up 2% for the year, leaving revenues favorable \$158,000. Overall expenses missed budget by \$232,000. \$630,000 was spent on capital projects for the year. The year ended with \$3.3 million cash on hand.

**RATIFY PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On a motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To ratify payment of bills in the amount of \$392,036.43 as shown on the printout dated December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bruce Rioux and Pam Rousseau were in attendance prior to the executive sessions. Dan Bilodeau paraphrased Mr. Rioux's statement that he made a request to the Auburn City Council that the City of Auburn reimburse the District for legal fees pertaining to the lawsuit against the District. The lawsuit is due to zoning changes made by the City, not actions of the District.

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**ACTIVITY REPORT / PROJECT UPDATE**

There were a few small main breaks in December. There was consensus of the Board to be informed of main breaks by email including description of pipe age, material and pictures when possible.

Trees were removed at Hardscrabble Reservoir.

On motion of Dan Bilodeau, seconded by Andrew Titus, it was unanimously voted: **To approve the capital budgeted amounts of \$212,000 for Hotel Road and \$93,000 for Second Street.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AWD Meeting Schedule**

Included in the agenda packet

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Water Quality Update**

Turbidity is trending high due to the recent rain storms. The low water quality is concerning for this time of year. Ice cover with snow would help stabilize water quality.

**Stable Ridge Development**

The District's appeal to charge Stable Ridge anticipated maintenance costs for taking over the booster station was denied by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Staff will research the possibility of charging alternate rates.

**Phosphorous Overview**

On motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Eric Gould, it was unanimously voted: **To table the phosphorous overview until the regular meeting in February.**

**District Engineer Search**

The search is ongoing.

**Intake Extension**

An RFP has been drafted and waiting for the Lewiston Water Division to receive funding approval before soliciting proposals.

**Alternative Water Supply**

Mike Broadbent will coordinate a kickoff meeting with volunteers of the committee: Kevin Arel, Dan Bilodeau, Eric Gould and Andrew Titus.

**TRUSTEE OPEN SESSION**

Kevin Arel stated he was against taking over the Stable Ridge pump station. It is not fair for rate payers to cover the high costs of a single development.

On a motion of Dan Bilodeau, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, it was unanimously voted: **To adjourn.**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Dunn

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Approved: February 22, 2023

A true record:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk