

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY – OCTOBER 20, 2022, 2022 at 7:30 AM**

Note: KWD Trustees held this meeting at the KWD Business Office. Notice of this meeting was posted on the KWD Facebook and Webpage.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Stabins.

Trustees present: Amy Stabins, President; Frank Richards, Vice-President; J. Michael Talbot, Treasurer; Jeff Earickson, Assistant Treasurer; Sarah Whateley, Clerk (Remote Access); Denise Bruesewitz, Trustee (Remote Access); Allan Fuller, Trustee (Remote Access); Bruce Williams, Trustee; Mark McCluskey, Trustee; Ben Murray, Trustee

Trustees absent: None

Denise Bruesewitz, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:33 a.m.

Also present: Roger Crouse, KWD General Manager; Amy Dyer, KWD Finance Manager; Jeff Longfellow, KWD Engineering Manager (Remote Access); Matt Zetterman, KWD Technology Manager (Remote Access); Jared Bragdon, KWD Distribution Manager (Remote Access); Benny LaPlante, KWD Service Manager (Remote Access); Robbie Bickford, KWD Water Quality Manager (Remote Access); Sue Markatine, KWD Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2022.

Motion by Trustee Talbot, "to accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees' meeting of October 6, 2022," seconded by Trustee Earickson.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT WARRANT

Motion by Trustee Talbot, "to ratify the October 20, 2022 total warrant of checks released for \$420,968.38," seconded by Trustee Earickson.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: REVIEW SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Trustees were provided with the September/Year-to-Date 2022 Financial Statements and Accounts Receivable Aging Report, and a brief review was conducted by Ms. Dyer. Mr. Crouse reviewed the Budget and Summary of Expenditures up to October 18, 2022 for the new KWD Administration and Operations Facility, explained numerous modifications, and answered questions from the Trustees.

ITEM 5: APPROVALS/MOTIONS NEEDED**A. Approval of PFAS Litigation Agreement (Tabled from October 6, 2022)**

Mr. Crouse indicated that two legal firms have submitted proposals to KWD for legal services relating to possible litigation against PFAS manufacturers. The Board members discussed PFAS levels, the high cost to reduce PFAS levels (capital and operations and maintenance costs), and the potential litigation.

Motion by Trustee Richards, “to enter into an agreement with SL Environmental Law Group, PC for legal representation in litigation against PFAS manufacturers,” seconded by Trustee McCluskey.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Other

Mr. Crouse informed the Trustees that KWD has purchased the annual supply of gravel for the stockpile.

Motion by Trustee Richards, “to ratify the purchase of 1,120 yards of stockpile gravel at \$15.50 per yard from David Hallowell Construction, LLC for \$17,360.00,” seconded by Trustee Talbot.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6: GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The Trustees were provided with the General Manager’s report, and a brief review was conducted by Mr. Crouse.

Trustee Stabins and Trustee Earickson expressed interest in attending KWD’s tabletop emergency exercise which is being facilitated by Maine Rural Water Association on November 30, 2022.

Motion by Trustee Talbot, “to accept the General Manager’s Report as presented,” seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7: TRUSTEE COMMENTS, CONCERNS, AND/OR IDEAS

None

ITEM 8: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ITEM 9: AS NEEDED: EXECUTIVE SESSION – 1 MRS §405. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None

Motion by Trustee Earickson, “to adjourn the meeting,” seconded by Trustee Talbot.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Talbot – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Sue Markatine, Recording Secretary