

Regular Meeting held in the Champlain Water District Conference Room at Noon and remotely.

Present

Commissioners: Bob Shand, Jericho chaired the meeting; Pete Gadue, Shelburne; Karen Richard, Colchester; John Gifford, Milton; Dennis Lutz, S. Burlington; Via Zoom: Liz Royer, Williston; Aaron Martin, Essex; Employees: Joe Duncan, Chris Rongo, Nate Pion, Ruchel St. Hilaire, & Tracy Besette; Public Citizens: Ralph Perkins

Absent

Jonathan Stockbridge, Winooski

Bob Shand called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Citizens to Be Heard

No comments.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023

Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023. Peter Gadue made a motion to approve, seconded by Dennis Lutz, with all Board members in favor.

Mr. Duncan introduced the Board to Ruchel St. Hilaire, the new Director of Human Resources. Mr. Duncan said that Ruchel will be formally taking over that role after Tracy's retirement on June 30th.

Financial/Operations Report

Mr. Duncan reported that water sales for the month of April were low at 8.89 mgd, bringing year to date to 9.38 mgd as compared to last year at this time of 9.59 mgd. For the month of April Global Foundries averaged 2.93 mgd, bringing year to date to 3.13 mgd versus last year at this time of 3.30 mgd. Mr. Duncan noted that Global sales started to decline back in October and they reported that they ramped down sections of the facility for cost savings. Total average fiscal year sales are down 0.21 mgd, as compared to last fiscal year, with Global Foundries down 0.17 mgd from last year. April cost per million gallons was \$1,877.43 bringing year to date to \$2,161.84 versus last year of \$2,142.75/MG.

Capital Projects Update - Mr. Pion summarized the following projects:

Exit 16 Utilities – The Contractor has started blasting for ledge removal within the waterline trench and laying waterline. Work started on the south end of the project, near the intersection of South Park Drive.

Tank Maintenance Program – An exterior overcoat and extensive interior touchup was completed on the Williston West Tank (WWT). The interior touchup required that rigging be installed inside the tank. Weather caused the project timeline to be extended. The WWT is anticipated to be back online by no later than May 18th.

The Essex South Tank (EST) washout was completed along with the installation of a new active mixer and water quality monitoring station. The water quality station is scheduled to go online in early June. The EST was back in service by May 8th.

The North Lake Water Tank (NLWT) exterior overcoat is still on-going. The tank is anticipated to be back online by the first week of June.

The Old South Burlington West Tank (Old SBWT) is scheduled to be drained beginning the week of June 5th. USG will complete an interior washout on the Old SBWT the week of June 12th and the tank will be back online by June 23rd. We received Tank Asset Management Proposals from two (2) companies; Underwater Solutions, Inc. and CorrTech. Staff

is in the process of reviewing these proposals and comparing them against the Evergreen Contract provided by USG (formerly Veolia) in 2022. We intend to present our findings and recommendations to the Board later this summer.

Transmission Valve Program – A new valve was scheduled to be installed on High Service #1 (HS#1) near Community Drive on May 18th. This has been postponed until the Fall due to Global Foundries discussions.

Manager's Report

Town of Colchester Wastewater Billing

Our staff has been talking internally about how we interface with the Town of Colchester on the Town's wastewater (WW) billing for about 250 accounts. Currently CWD provides water billing information to the Town in the form of spreadsheets, for those water customers in the CWD owned systems that are connected to the Town's WW system. Each quarter our staff take reading information and put it into respective spreadsheets that are then forwarded to the Town, who in turn prepare WW bills and send them out to their WW customers. During one of our recent meetings with the Town, the idea of CWD billing Colchester WW customers was suggested, like what we do with the City of South Burlington. Jay and I are planning to meet with the Town to discuss the possibility of CWD performing WW billing for the Town and we will provide an update at this meeting.

Awards

CWD won the Best Tasting Surface Water award at the Vermont Rural Water Association annual conference on May 10, 2023. Additionally, CWD won the NEWWA award for best drinking water in the fall and will be bringing a sample to the AWWA exposition in Toronto June 11 – 14, 2023.

Sign Warrant #0423

Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$1,317,878.49. Motion was made by Karen Richard, seconded by Peter Gadue with all Board members in favor.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

Any Other Business

At 12:19pm, Bob Shand asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, Karen Richard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pete Gadue, with all Board members in favor.

Clerk