

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; Aaron Martin, Essex; Via Zoom: Dennis Lutz, S. Burlington; Employees: Joe Duncan, Chris Rongo, Nate Pion, Ruchel St. Hilaire, & Tracy Bessette; Via Zoom: Melissa Hood; Public Citizens: Ralph Perkins, JD Piette, Jennifer Martinez

Absent

Jonathan Stockbridge, Winooski; Liz Royer, Williston

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

Citizens to Be Heard

No comments.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023. Peter Gadue made a motion to approve, seconded by Aaron Martin, with all Board members in favor.

Mr. Duncan asked for a round of introductions for the citizens in attendance. JD Piette attended to learn about the role as a potential alternate for Colchester; Jennifer Martinez is a member of the Shelburne Water Board Commission and will be alternate for Shelburne.

Financial/Operations Report

Mr. Duncan reported that water sales for the month of May were 9.98 mgd, bringing year to date to 9.43 mgd as compared to last year at this time of 9.66 mgd. For the month of May Global Foundries averaged 2.93 mgd, bringing year to date to 3.11 mgd versus last year at this time of 3.31 mgd. Total average fiscal year sales are down 0.23 mgd, as compared to last fiscal year, with Global Foundries down 0.20 mgd from last year. May cost per million gallons was \$2,400.78 bringing year to date to \$2,185.23 versus last year of \$2,190.30/MG.

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

Exit 16 Utilities – The Contractor has made significant progress over the past month with blasting and waterline installation. It is anticipated that the Contractor will begin filling and testing the line in the coming weeks.

Tank Maintenance Program – CWD and USG made a minor change to the Tank Maintenance Schedule for 2023. Rather than completing a washout of the Old South Burlington West Tank (Old SBWT), the washout was reassigned to the New South Burlington West Tank (New SBWT). The New SBWT was drained the week of June 5th and an interior washout was completed the week of June 12th. The tank will be back online by June 23rd.

CWD has reviewed the proposals and requested some additional information from USG regarding the Evergreen Contract. USG is in the process of updating their pricing for the Evergreen Contract. Once we have this, we can complete our evaluation of Tank Maintenance Program options and present our proposed path forward to the Board.

Filter Water Project – CWD, with assistance from Efficiency Vermont, has re-run the screening process for the Filter Water Pump Project following operational changes with the VFD drive speed limits in February 2022. The new Filter Water Pump System is saving approximately 100,000 kWh/year compared to the old system. This results in energy cost savings of approximately \$14,000/year. As a result of these improvements and energy savings, CWD will be reimbursed approximately \$130,000 from our Energy Savings Account (ESA). A discussion was held regarding the amount of funds

contributed, roughly \$4,000 monthly, and past forfeiture of funds. Mr. Pion noted the goal is to avoid forfeiting any funds but we have forfeited funds in the past due to the 2 year time limit. Earlier this year the Public Service Board approved changing the forfeiture time limit from 2 to 4 years to account for the length of projects being funded.

Partnership For Safe Water Distribution – CWD submitted the annual report for the Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW) Distribution System Optimization Program. The CWD Transmission System is the focus for the PFSW Distribution System Optimization Program. Over the next year, CWD will be preparing a more detailed Self-Assessment Report for submission by June 30, 2024.

Manager's Report

Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) Potential Sampling Impacts

Mr. Duncan reported that the LCRR redefines compliance site selection criteria and places a priority on sampling from sites with the highest potential for lead release – those containing lead service lines (LSLs). This is the reason why each served system is conducting a lead service line inventory (LSLI). The results of the LSLIs will be used to reevaluate the LCR sample site selection to determine if monitoring locations comply with the proposed tier requirements. CWD's current LCR sampling plan is based on all the served systems combined under CWD's water system ID (essentially one large CWD service area). This results in about 40 to 60 samples being collected under our current plan. Initial discussions with the State indicate that we may be required to have lead and copper sampling plans for each individual served system versus the current combined. Under that scenario we are looking at 200 to 250 samples. The path forward is uncertain at this time, and we will keep you updated as we get more clarity. For now, I wanted to bring it to your attention as it would have a significant impact on our Water Quality Operations Department staffing needs and budget.

Banking Update

Mr. Duncan provided an update on switching our bank accounts over to TD Bank. We anticipate the transfer happening in August after the FY22-23 audit is complete, specifically the CFD #3 accounts. .

FY22-23 Audit

Mr. Duncan reported that A.M. Peisch is planning to get the FY22-23 audit started at the end of this month. We will keep the overall Board up to date on their progress, as well as coordinate with the Audit Subcommittee: John Gifford, Karen Richard and Pete Gadue, as information becomes available.

AWWA ACE Taste Test

Mr. Duncan reported that last September at the NEWWA Fall Conference in Newport, RI CWD was chosen as "New England's Best" Drinking Water. As a result, we were able to participate in AWWA's Tap Water Taste Tests at ACE in Toronto on June 13th. Unfortunately, we did not win the "Best of the Best" (City of Miramichi, NB) or "People's Choice" (City of Emporia, KS) competitions. Nonetheless, we are very proud of the water we produce and the incredible staff that make it all happen. The NEWWA Annual Conference will be held in Burlington September 17-20th, information will be shared with Commissioners when available.

Retirements

Mr. Duncan announced that on June 30th Tracy Bessette will be retiring from CWD after 41 years of service. She will be missed but we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement. Mike Barsotti is also retiring on the same day after 30 years of service. We thank him for his service and wish him all the best.

Sign Warrant #0523

Bob Shand asked for a motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$901,816.06. Motion was made by John Gifford, seconded by Peter Gadue with all Board members in favor.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

Any Other Business

At 12:31pm, 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