



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of the Water Commissioners March 16, 2023

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Convened: 5:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:33 p.m.

Present: K. Bedard, D. Luis, K. McKenna, T. Cauley, A. Hogan and J. Carbin-Bryan.
Meeting called to order at 5:38 P.M.

Minutes of February 23, 2023:

D. Luis moved to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2023.
K. McKenna motioned to accept the minutes of February 23, 2023.
K. Bedard seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Warrants, Balances, Charts & Overdue Bills:

D. Luis moved to accept the monthly warrant.
K. Bedard motioned to pay all bills if found to be correct.
K. McKenna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
The total amount of all Warrants is \$133,015.55. The motion passed unanimously

Previously signed:

Currently signed:	WC9E	\$5,334.82
	PRwk35	\$6,621.15
	OTwk35	\$253.43
	PRwk36	\$6,621.15
	OTwk36	\$172.84
	PRwk37	\$6,621.15
	OTwk37	\$177.94
	AP02/24/23	\$16,806.22
	APPRIM JAN	\$64.28
	AP03/08/23	\$90,342.57

Isotope Study Update:

The study is on hold and may not happen this year due to unforeseen issues.

Drought Issue Update:

No major changes. First round of billing has been sent. D. Luis asked what would happen if we go into a drought now. T. Cauley stated they can't do anything now that litigation has been filed, they cannot enforce the regulations.

2023 Capital Jobs – Faculty Lane, Stanton Ave., Wright Place, Burnett Ave., Tank Cleaning, Hydrants, Building Server.:

We will be doing Burnett, Stanton and Wright, the water main on these roads is from 1909. D. Luis asked for a drawing of the area, at this time none was available. T. Cauley will have a map at the next meeting showing the location of the project. This project will have just under 3000 feet of main, with 42 houses being connected.

T. Cauley stated that the cost to do our projects have risen significantly, and has found it impossible to estimate the cost as suppliers are telling him they can only give an estimate for no more than 3 days.

Budget:

T. Cauley gave the commissioners the numbers for the budget, he believes there has been a mistake doing the 10-year average (in order to find what our cost for water) should be. T. Cauley stated that without even having to account for the budget this year, were up 8 to 10 cents. Our cost is higher than expected.

T. Cauley proceeded to go over the breakdown of the budget with the commissioners.

T. Cauley; most of the increases we have seen are from insurances, these numbers are set by the treasurer and can't be changed. A discussion on increasing our services such as back flows and fire line fees was had.

K. McKenna; what will be the final increase on water. T. Cauley; the number that will put us where we need to be is 5.38 per cub ft. but that could change slightly as we finalize the budget. Also, the water rate has not changed in the last 4 years.

The DEP wants us to do our budget (with infrastructure being the priority) and come up with a total that will get us where we need to be. Discussion followed.

Other Business:

- The Water Department had Edge tree service remove part of tree on Amherst Rd. (close to customers home).
- Dylan sent to school to get his 2A and 1C (passed). He is currently in school for treatment and distribution.

The next meeting of the Water Commissioners will be held on April 6, 2023 and April 20, 2023 both meetings will begin at 5:30P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Carbin-Bryan
Administrative Assistant