

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF October 5, 2021

(Meeting held virtually via Zoom, but all six attendees were in person in the District Conference Room. No participants attended via Zoom.)

Chairman Sheldon called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and announced that the virtual meeting was being recorded and asked for each of the Board members to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: (All attending in person) Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairman – Present; Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Present and Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Present.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: (Attending in person) Thomas S. Travers, Treasurer; Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director and Renee M. Adams, Customer Service Manager.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21ST COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of September 21, 2021, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd and duly seconded by Commissioner Fox, and approved by roll call:

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye
Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye
Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairman - Aye

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S OCTOBER 1ST REPORT:

Executive Director Roy presented his bi-weekly report to the Board and addressed questions regarding the following topics:

DUTTON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT:

Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the water main portion of the Dutton Road Bridge Project is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 14th. Mr. Roy stated that both Tighe & Bond and District staff would be onsite to provide inspectional services. Mr. Roy also stated that the contractor would be installing a 1-inch corporation valve on the water main for air relief and that access to the valve would be provided via a roadway box.

PFAS MITIGATION PROJECT/PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

Mr. Roy reported the September PFAS analytical results were a reduction from the previous two months. Chairman Sheldon asked Mr. Roy if there was a correlation with the reduction to the extraordinary high rain fall this past summer. Mr. Roy responded that it may be possible that above average rain fall could dilute PFAS concentrations in the groundwater table, however he emphasized that he had not analyzed any data. Director Roy informed the Commissioners that the temporary solution plan for PFAS mitigation had not yet received plan approval from the DEP. Mr. Roy stated that, because of the reduction in PFAS concentration levels, there was less urgency to implement temporary treatment at this time, but that could change anytime as dictated by analytical results. He also stated that the design plans for the permanent treatment system would be completed

by January 2022, and that a bid for construction would be advertised shortly thereafter. Mr. Roy stated that the permanent treatment system is expected to be fully operational by the Spring of 2023.

Commissioner Boyd suggested the option of the District purchasing the temporary treatment vessels vs. leasing them. Then, if temporary PFAS mitigation was not necessary, the District could lease the vessels to another community. Mr. Roy explained that the lead time for purchasing vessels might make that option less feasible than leasing from Weston & Sampson, who already has vessels available.

3. DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE POLICY:

Director Roy informed the Commissioner that he was not ready to present anything at this time. The legal consultant was reviewing the employee policy manual and recommending changes, but the final report was not yet ready to present to the commissioners for review and discussion.

Chairman Sheldon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously by roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye

Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner - Aye

Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner and Chairman - Aye

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:01p.m.