

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
MARCH 21, 2023

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., announced that the virtual version of the meeting was being recorded, and asked for each Commissioner to state their name for the record by roll call:

Board Members Present: Robert H. Sheldon, Commissioner – Present; Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner – Present; and Joshua M. Fox, Commissioner and Chairman - Present.

Others Present: Karen Moretti, Assistant Treasurer; Renee Adams, Customer Service Manager; Michael Abbondanzio, Foreman; and Vincent J. Roy, Executive Director.

Virtually Present: There were no individuals attending virtually.

Prior to the reviewing the first Agenda item, Chairman Fox announced that the provision to the Open Meeting Law for remote participation is due to expire on March 31, 2023, and that unless legislature extends the exemption this may be the last virtual Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

1. REVIEW THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2023, COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

The Commissioners approved the Minutes for the Meeting of March 7, 2023, as amended. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Boyd and duly seconded by Commissioner Sheldon, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

2. REVIEW THE DIRECTOR'S MARCH 17th BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

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

MWRA Metro-west Expansion Study:

Commissioner Sheldon provided a summary of a discussion that he had with officials from the City of Framingham regarding the MWRA Metro-west Expansion Study. Based on those discussions, Commissioner Sheldon requested that Director Roy reach out to the Sudbury Town Manager to discuss the expansion study and coordinate future public outreach on this topic.

Macone Property Foreclosure:

Chairman Fox confirmed with Director Roy that the District's Parcel C has been released from Deutsche Bank and the last remaining lien held by the Small Business Administration (SBA) is likely to be released soon. Chairman Fox requested that Mr. Roy keep informed of developments regarding this parcel from Special District Counsel (Nina Pickering-Cook of Anderson and Kreiger, LLC) to which Mr. Roy concurred.

There was no further discussion on the Director's Report.

3. FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 87TH ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING WARRANTS:

The Commissioners reviewed the final version of the 87th Annual and Special Meeting Warrants. Commissioner Sheldon made the motion to approve the 87th Annual and Special Meeting Warrants as presented, which was duly seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and approved by unanimous roll call:

Robert E. Boyd, Jr., Commissioner - Aye

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

4. DISCUSSION ON EPA'S PROPOSED PFAS DRINKING WATER REGULATION:

Director Roy provided the Commissioners with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) alert to Public Water Suppliers of their proposed regulation for six PFAS compounds. Mr. Roy stated that the District is currently testing for all compounds listed on EPA's proposed regulation and that past analytical results for two of the compounds listed (PFOS & PFOA) exceed the proposed EPA limit of 4.0 parts per trillion (PPT). Director Roy stated that four of the compounds under the proposed regulation have a calculation to determine a hazard index. Mr. Roy also stated that he was seeking further clarification on the EPA's proposed Maximum Contaminant Limit (MCL) term (1.0 unitless hazard index). Director Roy also stated that these new proposed regulations may be enacted by the end of the calendar year.

Chairman Fox asked Director Roy if the PFAS treatment projects currently underway would still meet the proposed standards by the EPA, to which Mr. Roy responded that the planned treatment for both the Raymond Road and East Street Water Treatments Facilities is expected to produce finished water that has no analytical detection of regulated PFAS compounds. Commissioner Boyd asked Mr. Roy if the EPA's proposed MCL would have an impact on Wells 4 and 6, to which Mr. Roy responded that current PFAS levels exceed the proposed EPA limit and that there are two options for treatment. "Option 1" would be localized treatment at each of the wells and "Option 2" would be directing water pumped from each of the wells to the Raymond Road Water Treatment Facility (RRWTF). Mr. Roy also stated that the PFAS filters being constructed at the RRWTF are designed to accommodate flow from Wells 4 and 6. Mr. Roy informed the Commissioners that he would be attending an EPA webinar on March 29th to gain further knowledge on the proposed regulation and that all Board members were welcome to attend.

5. REVIEW DRAFT REVISED EMPLOYEE POLICY (HANDBOOK):

Director Roy requested that the Commissioners table this Agenda item to a future meeting when Treasurer Travers would be available to participate in the discussion. The Commissioners concurred.

Conclusion of Open Meeting:

The motion to conclude the meeting was made, duly seconded, and approved by unanimous roll call:

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

The Open Meeting concluded at 6:09 p.m.