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Arthur McLean, Chairman, Roger Bickford & Marie Hale Commissioners

Charles Harrison, General Manager

Water Commission Minutes for March 8, 2022

Members Present: Arthur McLean, Marie Hale, Roger Bickford

Staff Present: Chuck Harrison, Shellie Reynolds, Cindy Schafer

Audience: Don Fellows - Liaison for Town of Lisbon Council

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

# Meeting called to order by Mr. McLean at 5:27pm

# Roll Call

1. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

# None

1. WARRANTS

# Warrant #7022 (Feb 16, 2022)

# Warrant #8022 (Feb 23, 2022)

# Warrant #9022 (Mar 2, 2022)

# Warrant #10022 (Mar 9, 2022)

1. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Minutes
      1. 02/08/2022-Meeting Minutes
         1. Mr. Bickford made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Ms. Hale 2nd, followed by a 3/0 vote to accept.

# Corrosion Control

* + 1. Tanks were delivered on 03/07/2022.
    2. Installation can start anytime. Mr. Harrison has contacted Denise at the State to let her know we are ready to start installing. She will inspect once we are finished.

# Finish Pump Repair/Replacement

* + 1. Prior to us getting the first pump replaced the second pump failed on 02/16/2022.
       1. New pump has been installed
    2. Mr. Harrison asked board to consider approving the money to replace the second pump as well; the cost is just over $23,000.
    3. Ms. Hale made a motion to approve a new pump up to $25,000, Mr. Bickford 2nd, followed by a 3/0 vote to approve.

# Route 125 Project

* + 1. Mr. Harrison met with representatives from EJ Prescott and Magee.
    2. Work will start at the Route 196 end and work towards Huston Street.
    3. They will replace water and sewer lines at the same time.
    4. Water pipe has been ordered in order to try to avoid delays.
       1. Pipe will be stored at EJP in Gardiner until needed.
    5. Mr. Harrison is working on a letter to send to affected customers about it being a great time to renew their personal services.

# 9 Merrill Ave

* + 1. Construction has begun on this project.

# Master Plan

* + 1. Mr. Harrison has verified that this has been submitted to the State of Maine.

# Chlorination at stations

# This is included in the Corrosion Control plan.

# T-Mobile

* + 1. T-Mobile has agreed to contract with Lisbon Water Department’s wording. Mr. Harrison expects to have signed contract this week.

# Unresolved Issues (tabled)

* + 1. Memorial for Bill Bauer – Plaque wording and placement
    2. Legislative Bill for PFO’s PFA’s

# Any Other Old Business

* + 1. None

1. NEW BUSINESS

# General Manager’s Report

* + 1. Remodel of bathroom and breakroom; we are finishing up.
    2. Don attended Backflow class; results expected in 1 to 3 weeks.

# Business Manager’s Report

* + 1. Audit Prep – 03/04/2022 Nick Henry (Horton, McFarland and Vesey) was in.
       1. Wanda got all work in the file and uploaded to the RHR portal; we are waiting for documents from Nick to add to portal. We will be able to send by Friday.

# Commissioner Communication/Requests

* + 1. Ms. Hale - None
    2. Mr. Bickford - None
    3. Mr. McLean - None

# Customer Communication

* + 1. Complaint Log
       1. 02/22/2022 – 13 Huston St. – Low pressure
          1. We had just had a main break and when one of the water operators went to the house, the customer said the pressure was fine.
          2. Mr. Harrison is going to check with that operator to see if he followed up as the work order stated he would.
       2. 02/28/2022 – 9 Free St. – Low pressure
          1. House has a lot of galvanized pipe; customer is going to remove some of it and see if that could be an issue as the pressure at the meter was good.
    2. Customer Comments
       1. None

# Any Other New Business

* + 1. PFAS testing
       1. Mr. Harrison stated that we have been completing sampling quarterly but we are only required to complete it yearly through 2022. Due to the cost of $350 per test, he would like to move to yearly testing.
    2. Arsenic testing
       1. Lisbon Water Department has been sampling the raw water at the Moody plant at the request of the Commissioners (in the past) but the State of Maine only requires testing finished water.
       2. Mr. Harrison asked the Commissioners to consider stop testing the raw water.
          1. Mr. Bickford made a motion to stop testing Arsenic levels in our raw water, Mr. McLean 2nd, followed by a 3/0 vote to approve.
    3. Blue Ox is looking to increase production which will lead to an increase of water usage by about 5X. They look to start this in about April.

# Set next meeting date

* + 1. Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30pm at Lisbon Water Department.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

# MRSA 13 § 405 (6) (A) Personnel

# Ms. Hale made a motion to enter executive session at 6:03pm, Mr. Bickford 2nd, followed by 3/0 vote in favor.

# Ms. Hale made a motion to leave executive session at 6:17pm, Mr. McLean 2nd, followed by 3/0 vote in favor with no action taken.

1. ADJOURNMENT
   1. Ms. Hale made motion to adjourn, Mr. Bickford 2nd, followed by a 3/0 vote in favor. Adjourned at 6:20pm.