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Maine Public Drinking Water Commission

MEETING #127

Tuesday December 2, 2014 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Kennebec Water District - 6 Cool Street Waterville, ME 04901

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #126, September 9, 2014
- 2. AFM Fee and Collection Status
- 3. AFM Financial Status
- 4. Legislative Update
 - a. DWSRF State Match
- 5. Update on Drinking Water Rules current/proposed
- 6. DWP Staffing Update
- 7. Meetings with MRWA and MWUA Boards
- 8. DWC Membership Update reappointment status
- 9. Suggested Items for next meeting
- 10. Establish 2015 Meeting Schedule



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Minutes of Meeting #127

Dec 2, 2014

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 127th meeting on December 2, 2014 at The Kennebec Water District office in Waterville.

Present Were:

Members: Tom Brennan, Jeff LaCasse, Rebecca Laliberte, John Storer, Robert MacKinnon, Harvey

Chesley, and Roger Crouse.

Guests: Jim Willis (Maine DWP)

Time: Jeff called the meeting to order at 9:04 am

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from the last meeting occurred as written.

B. RECURRING BUSINESS:

1. AFM FEE AND COLLECTION STATUS

Roger discussed the AFM status. The current collection rate is 97 percent rate which is just about on par from previous years. In January the Enforcement Team will be looking at overdue systems to determine which systems meet the criteria for enforcement (>\$500 or 3 or more years overdue). The Enforcement Team will begin the enforcement process for the highest priority systems.

2. DWP FINANCIAL STATUS

Roger presented the SFY 2014 spending summary for the DWP. Spending is occurring as budgeted.

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Roger discussed the successful passage of Question 6 (the environmental bond bill) on the November ballot. \$1.8 million of the approved bond will be available for DWSRF State Match. The Legislature provided \$500,000 from the general fund for State Match for the FFY 2014 DWSRF grant. With the passage of the bond the

DWP will have enough State Match for the FFY 2014 DWSRF grant with an additional \$500,000 available for the FFY2015 DWSRF grant. The balance of the FFY2015 State Match as well as State Match for future grant will come through the proceeds of the wholesale state liquor contract.

4. UPDATE ON DRINKING WATER RULES-CURRENT/PROPOSED

Roger provided a brief summary of some of the planned rule changes. Roger stated that rule changes need to go to the AG's office and then to the Governor's office for approval as well as having a public hearing on the proposed Rule changes. Roger stated that new rules would probably take effect late spring 2015.

There was also a discussion about the effects of the Revised Total Coliform Rule on small public water systems especially season transient systems.

5. DWP STAFFING UPDATE

Roger stated that the DWP is currently waiting for approval to fill an Office Specialist position and an Office Associate position.

6. MEETINGS WITH MRWA AND MWUA BOARDS

There was discussion that there was some good dialogue with these boards. The DWP will be meeting with these boards every 6 months.

7. DWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-REAPPOINTMENT STATUS

Currently all members on the DWC are all current in their appointments. There are 3 seats that are up for renewal August 31, 2015 Rebecca Laliberte, Robert MacKinnon, and George Dugovic.

8. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

The new Legislative session

9. 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

February 10th- Keybank Building, Augusta May 5th – Poland Spring, Poland September 1st- Pine Tree Camp, Rome December 1st- Yarmouth Water District, Yarmouth

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted Jim Willis