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Maine Public Drinking Water Commission

MEETING #160

May 24, 2023

09:00 AM

Augusta, Maine/Zoom

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #158, Sept 7, 2022
2. SFY 2022 AFM Fee Collection Status – D. Welch
3. DWP Financial Report – D. Welch
4. DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, PFAS, Lead Testing in Schools)
5. Legislation and Rulemaking Update
6. Public Water System Items for Discussion – Public Comment
7. DWC Membership Update
8. Discussion on increased activity by Commission to solicit new members, and Meeting Topics to Increase Participation and Focus
9. Staff Merit Award Discussion/ Committee Members to Select Next Recipient
10. Suggested Topics for next Meeting

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Minutes of Meeting #160

May 24, 2023

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 160th Meeting on May 24, 2023, via Zoom and in person meeting in Augusta.

Present Were:

Members: Kathy Moriarty, Lee Worcester (via Zoom), Jeff LaCasse, Carol White, Amy Lachance (DWP Director), and Jim Willis (Commission Clerk).

Non-members: David Welch, DWP, and Matt Reynolds

Members Not Present Were: Rebecca Laliberte

Time: Carol called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

A. RECURRING BUSINESS:

- Approval of Minutes, Meeting #159, Feb 8, 2023
 - Minutes from the Feb 8, 2023, meeting were approved as written.
 - There was discussion going forward to have two meetings a year in May and November with the option to hold more if necessary (Jeff made motion, Amy seconded, passed unanimously)
- SFY 2023 AFM Fee Collection Status – D. Welch
 - David Welch from the Drinking Water Program (DWP) updated the Commission on the collection status of the Alternate Funding Mechanism (AFM). To date, the DWP collection rate is on par with previous years.
 - David reported we should have option to take credit cards as payment by July.
- DWP Financial Report – D. Welch
 - David presented current financial information showing that spending is on target according to budget. There is no plan to increase AFM fees at this time.

- DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, PFAS, Lead Testing in Schools)
 - Current staffing and hiring challenges were discussed.
 - Amy gave update on PFAS sampling.
 - There was discussion on looking into how other states get funding. Commission members were going to research and report back at a future meeting.

- Legislation and Rulemaking Update
 - Amy gave an update on PFAS rule making and Legislation.

- Public Water System Items for Discussion – Public Comment
 - No public comment.

- DWC Membership Update
 - Discussion of current membership and vacant positions.
 - Carol will reach out and send completed applications to Governor’s office to see if we can get members re-appointed. Brian Tarbuck has expressed interest in joining the Commission and will send his application in directly.

- Discussion on Staff Merit award and committee to select this year’s winner.

Amy said she would think about other ways to acknowledge staff and report
Back to commission.

- Next Meeting

November 1, 2023- Augusta/zoom