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Minutes of Meeting #163 June 12, 2024

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 163 Meeting on June 12, 2024, via Zoom and in person meeting in Augusta.

Present Were:

Members: Brian Tarbuck, Jeff LaCasse, Carol White, Matt Reynolds(zoom), Lee Worcester (zoom), Amy Lachance (DWP Director), and Jim Willis (Commission Clerk).

Non-members: David Welch, DWP

Members Not Present Were:

Time: Carol called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

A. RECURRING BUSINESS:

- Approval of Minutes, Meeting #162, February 7, 2024
 - Minutes from the February 7, 2024, meeting was approved.
- 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 from previous years.
 - David stated that we are placing systems who are three years or owe \$500 or more in enforcement to collect overdue AFM.
 - David also stated we are still working on online credit card payments for AFM.
- DWP Financial Report – D. Welch
 - David presented current financial information showing that spending is slightly below target according to budget. David did state that we will have to look at increasing AFM fees in the future.
- DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, PFAS, Lead Testing in Schools)
 - Current staffing and hiring challenges were discussed.
 - Amy gave an update on PFAS, Lead sampling, and new regulations in the future.
 - Amy gave an update on DWSRF projects.

- Legislation and Rulemaking Update
 - Amy gave an update on PFAS rule making and Legislation. Including language to allow future increases in the AFM Fee.
- 2023 Public Drinking Water Commission Annual Report
 - Amy and Carol will put together a draft copy and distribute it to the DWC members. Looking to potentially have a quick zoom meeting in August to discuss report and vote on it.
- DWC Membership Update
 - Discussion of current membership and vacant positions. Rebecca is officially off the DWC. Carol would like to submit all new applications at once to the Governors office by July.
- Public Water System Items for Discussion-Public Comment
 - None

Meeting Dates for 2024

- November 6, 2024- Augusta/Zoom