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Maine Public Drinking Water Commission

MEETING #125

Tuesday May 6, 2014

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Lake Auburn UV Treatment Plant
167 Pumping Station Road, Auburn

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #124, February 11, 2014
2. AFM Fee and Collection Status
3. DWP Financial Status
4. Establishing SFY 2015 Fee Schedule
5. SFY 2014 DWC Annual Objectives
 - a. DWP Performance Measures
6. Legislative Update –
 - a. DWSRF State Match
7. Update on Drinking Water Rules – current/proposed
8. DWP Staffing Update
 - a. Staff Merit Award
 - i. Criteria
 - ii. Selection Committee
9. DWC Annual Report – Topics/suggestions
10. DWC Membership Update – reappointment status
11. Suggested Items for next meeting
12. 2014 Meeting Schedule
 - Sept 9, 2014-Pine Tree Camps-Rome
 - Dec 2, 2014- Kennebec Water District-Waterville



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Minutes of Meeting #125

MAY 6, 2014

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 125th meeting on May 6, 2014 at The Lake Auburn UV Treatment Plant in Auburn.

Present Were:

Members: Tom Brennan, Jeff LaCasse, George Dugovic, Bob MacKinnon, John Storer, Rebecca Laliberte, Lee Worcester, Harvey Chesley, and Roger Crouse.

Guests: Jim Willis (Maine DWP)

Time: Jeff called the meeting to order at 9:15 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. We currently have a 97 percent collection rate which is on par from last year. Currently there are 76 delinquent systems.

2. DWP FINANCIAL STATUS

Roger discussed the five year AFM budget projection. Roger reported that the DWP is on par for spending budget so far this year. Roger stated that with the current state budget, a one percent cost of living increase and merit increases have been approved in the state budget will increase salary expenses.

3. AFM BILLING FEE FOR 2015

Roger discussed several scenarios for the 2015 AFM billing. After discussion it was decided that AFM fee structure would remain the same as last year. Jeff LaCasse made the motion to keep the fees the same the motion passed unanimously.

4. PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS

Roger reviewed a number of measures illustrating public water system performance. Overall the trends are very positive and compliance rates continue to improve.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/DWSRF STATE MATCH

The Legislature provided \$500,000 in State Match for the 2014 DWSRF from the General Fund. Funds will be available at the start of SFY 2015. The legislature also approved a General Obligation Bond referendum of \$1.8 million for the November election. Starting in June 2015 revenue from the wholesale liquor contract will provide State Match on an ongoing basis.

6. UPDATE ON DRINKING WATER RULES-CURRENT AND PROPOSED

Roger discussed the revised Total Coliform rule which will go into effect on April 1st, 2016. EPA is also considering revisions to the lead and copper rule. EPA is working on the creation of a new compliance data system. The current system will be replaced in 2015 or 2016. This will have a number of impacts on the DWP and will require significant effort to make this transition.

7. DWP STAFFING UPDATE

There two open compliance officer positions and an assistant lab certification officer position. To administrative (clerical) positions are also open.

Roger discussed the Staff Merit Award. George, Tom, and John volunteered to be on the committee to select this year's recipient. There was discussion on how the committee should choose the winner of the staff merit award by looking at different criteria. The members decided that nominations from DWP staff should have greater weight than nominations from outside the DWP.

8. DWC ANNUAL REPORT-TOPICS/SUGGESTIONS

There was discussion on what to include in the DWC Annual report. Some ideas mentioned were to incorporate some performance data.

9. DWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-REAPPOINTMENT STATUS

Lee is still waiting on paper work to be processed at the Governor's office.

10. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No ideas were mentioned at this time.

11. 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

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John made a motion to adjourn. Lee seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Willis