

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
October 3, 2019
*UNAPPROVED***

Present: Ed Rajsteter, Robert Roudebush, Bob Long and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager).

Call to Order: Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:05 am.

Minutes Approval:

September 5, 2019 – Robert Roudebush moved to approve; Ed Rajsteter seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update:

Don Drew reported the system is running well with the average daily usage just under 25,000 gpd.

Incident Report:

Don Drew said a water break on Rogers Road was repaired quickly thanks to help from the District's water contractor, Hood's Plumbing. He also reported there was a power outage lasting several hours on September 27, but things went well during the outage and everything is back to normal now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lower Dam Emergency Spillway Project: Don Drew said the approved project permit is on file and he received a couple of written estimates for the excavation work, one for \$5,000 and another for \$30,000. The Committee discussed the two bids (and the wide gap between them) before agreeing to use Paige Excavating due to pricing and previous good experiences with the contractor. ***Don Drew will contact Paige Excavating to schedule the project.***

Upper Dam Outlet Inspection: Don Drew said he received two quotes from commercial divers for an underwater camera inspection of the dam outlet. M & K Commercial Diving estimated \$2,000 for the job and DuBois & King divers quoted \$2,077. After discussion, the Committee agreed to go with M & K and aim to do the inspection this fall. Don Drew said Jim Weber from the Dam Bureau wanted to be present for the inspection so he will try to schedule it so he can attend. ***Don Drew will contact M & K and Jim Weber to set up the inspection.***

Water Source Project: Don Drew reported he received a quote of roughly \$3,000 from Lewis Engineering to consult on design possibilities to connect the new water source to the existing system. He said the state-required pump test needs to be done first to gain accurate data to analyze whether the well will be cost-effective. He said Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering told him the state requires 72-hour monitored testing, but Scott Clang of Granite State Rural Water told him he thought only a 48-hour test was needed since there are no wells in the required perimeter. They are waiting on clarification from the state on what is actually needed. Don Drew will work with Scott Clang and Chris Dellinger from Hood's Plumbing to plan the 48-hour test so they can move ahead quickly if approved. ***Don Drew will notify Committee members when the test is scheduled.***

Bear Road Water Main Project: The Committee discussed possible funding sources for the project and agreed to use \$5,000 from the Water Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and about \$1,000 from the regular Water Department budget. The Committee agreed to move forward with the project to replace as much water line as possible along Bear Road using the funds currently available. ***Don Drew will notify the contractor to schedule the project.***

Pump House Generator: Project is on hold. Don Drew said he was interested in exploring a hydro possibility for power and will check into it.

Water Service Meter Installations: Project is on hold.

Chambers Area Meters: Project is on hold. Don Drew said he is talking to New England Backflow to brainstorm ways to get meters at the chambers

Seasonal Water Projects: Don Drew said they are working with contractor Hood's Plumbing to schedule projects such as cleaning/repairing valve boxes, blowing off ends, and coordinating equipment for testing of the pump well in the gravel pit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Excavating Contractor: Don Drew said Hood's Plumbing's contract for MLD excavation work will be up at the end of the year. He said Hood's can cover MLD for the rest of this year, but they will not be able to renew the contract because of recent employee changes. The Committee discussed the possibilities and agreed to publish RFPs in the local papers with the goal of finding a new contractor to start Jan. 1, 2020. ***Kristi Garofalo and Don Drew will work on getting the RFPs published.***

Robert Roudebush moved to adjourn; Bob Long seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo