

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
May 14, 2020
*UNAPPROVED***

Bob Long read a statement that the Committee was authorized to meet electronically due to the declared state of emergency (COVID-19), that the meeting had been properly noticed and information given to the public on how to join the meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing, and that all votes would be by roll call, in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's emergency order.

Committee Roll Call: Ed Rajsteter, Ken King, Mark Johanson, Patricia Brady, Bob Long, Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) and Kristi Garofalo (District Administrator) were present via Zoom and all noted no one was in the room with them.

Call to Order: Don Drew opened the meeting at 8:02 am.

Minutes Approval:

Mar. 5, 2020 – Patricia Brady moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Ken King – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed. ***Kristi Garofalo will note in this meeting's minutes the Board did not meet in April due to the COVID-19 situation.***

Water System Update: Don Drew reported today's usage was 20,000 gallons per day and the average has been running about 25,000 gallons per day.

Incident Report: Don Drew said internet connection at the pump house has been spotty and requires resetting once or twice a month. ***He will have it checked to see if that can be improved.***

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Source Project:

- **Gravel Pit Site:** Don Drew reported several wells have been decommissioned by the state and the costs were fully paid by the MtBE remediation program. They did leave a couple of wells for District use during future testing. He said prices received for connecting the well to the water system were pretty expensive – roughly \$500,000 – and with the low yield may not be financially feasible.
- **Alternative Sites:** Don Drew said he would like to review all the information received about the gravel pit site and other alternative sites at a Committee meeting with Jim Vernon from Nobis Engineering and Scott Clang from Granite State Rural Water physically present once COVID-19 restrictions are eased. The Committee discussed other sites, including the ski hill and ball field sites, and agreed consulting with Jim Vernon and Scott Clang would be beneficial when it can be arranged.

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said repair material is in stock and they have a plan to run a temporary line during the project for the one house that would be affected. He said the project is on hold due to the COVID-19 situation, but everything is ready to go when allowed and it will be done this year.

Chambers Area Meters: Don Drew said he researched prices on vaults for the meters and came up with an estimate of \$14,000 per unit which includes vault, meter, and excavation costs. For two sites, the cost

would be roughly \$30,000 with the SCADA system connected. ***Don Drew said he is investigating a new type of measuring system meter; he will check it out further and report next month.***

Well Testing & Contractor Options: Don Drew said he contacted several well drilling companies, but the project is on hold due to the COVID-19 restrictions. ***When things open up, he will work with the companies and have more information for the next meeting.***

Monthly Water Tests: Don Drew said the came back “absent” meaning no problems were found.

Ski Slope Well – Water Quality Testing: Don Drew said the results were not back yet.

Wider Band for Upper Spillway Repair: Don Drew reported a two-foot wide band has been purchased to be used on the Upper Spillway repair, which is an improvement over the old one-foot band. He said Paige Excavation is ready to install the new band as soon as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Priorities: Don Drew asked each member to bring to the next meeting the four projects they feel are most important and noted they could be water projects or lake/dam projects. ***The Committee agreed to each bring their four personal priorities to the next meeting for discussion.***

Lake Stocking: Mark Johanson reported Mike Roberts picked up a shipment of largemouth bass for the keystone predator program and released 100 fish in each Lake.

Adjournment: Patricia Brady moved to adjourn; Ed Rajsteter seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ed Rajsteter – Aye; Ken King – Aye; Mark Johanson – Aye; Patricia Brady – Aye; Bob Long – Aye; Don Drew – Aye; motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo