

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom Video Conferencing
December 3, 2020
UNAPPROVED

Chair Patricia Brady 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: Patricia Brady (alone), Robert Roudebush-alone), Ed Rajsteter (alone), Mark Johanson (alone) and Bob Long with Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) were present via Zoom. Ken King joined the meeting briefly at the end.

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

Minutes Approval – Nov. 5, 2020: Kristi Garofalo noted that under the “Chambers Riser Repair” section, the sentence “Ed Rajsteter moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded.” needed to be removed. Patricia Brady moved to approve the minutes with that amendment; Mark Johanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady – aye, Robert Roudebush – aye, Ed Rajsteter – aye, Mark Johanson – aye, Bob Long – aye, Don Drew – aye; and motion passed.

Water System Update: Don Drew reported there was a water leak on Kinsman Road and it was repaired on Nov. 30. Usage was high over the weekend with about 20,000 gpd extra due to the leak, but it is back to normal now.

Incident Report: Don Drew said drought status is still in the moderate to severe range. He also reported there was a soft start control issue at the pumphouse. The pump and motor were changed out in the process of identifying the issue and the soft start control was changed when it was discovered to be the problem. A new control has been ordered for backup and the system is up and running in the meantime. There was a recent power outage, but all is well now.

OLD BUSINESS: The Committee made an effort to “clean up” their project list and agreed on the following:

Gravel Pits: The Committee agreed with Don Drew's recommendation to leave this project on the list.

Bear Road Water Main Project: Don Drew said the 2020 project is complete and can be taken off the list because the WD will be focusing on other priorities in 2021.

Chambers Area Meters: Don Drew said this project can be taken off the list for now because the WD will be focusing on other priorities.

Chambers Riser Repair: Don Drew reported the new top is in place. Bob Long complimented Don Drew's work in putting together the project and coordinating the repair for a lower cost. ***Bob Long said he would send photos of the project to the office to use in the annual booklet and for resident information at the annual meeting.***

Well Testing: The Committee agreed with Don Drew's recommendation to leave this project on the list

Drought: The Committee agreed to take this subject off the list. Don Drew will include drought information in future incident reports.

Water Conservation Tips: The Committee agreed to take this subject off the list as the tips are now an ongoing part of the weekly DMAIL. Kristi Garofalo asked if it would be helpful to also include MLD water system trivia in future DMAILs and the Committee agreed the information should be included.

French Pond Road Vault: The Committee agreed with Don Drew's recommendation to leave this project on the list to be completed when the contractor can be scheduled.

French Pond Road Repaving Project: Don Drew reported the work is completed and the Committee agreed to take this off the list.

Fracking: The Committee agreed to take this subject off the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget and Warrant Article(s) for 2021: Don Drew reported the Kinsman Road water leak was estimated at \$2,000 and the new soft start control was estimated at \$3,800. Both of those costs, along with the chambers riser repair cost of \$6,300, will need to be paid from CRF funds and the 2020 WD budget. The CRF funds will need to be replenished for 2021 through the WD budget and the estimated cost of source exploration (\$30,000) may be funded through a short-term loan if approved by the voters at the annual meeting.

Ed Rajsteter left the meeting at 8:43am.

Budget 2021 Sub Committee: Patricia Brady suggested forming a sub committee to prepare an annual meeting presentation on past WD projects and future project plans. The Committee agreed ***Mark Johanson, Patricia Brady, Kristi Garofalo and Don Drew will meet to work on such a presentation.***

Other Water Options: The Committee discussed prior service/supply agreements with Spencer Richardson and questioned whether his well could still be of use. Don Drew noted MLD does not have agreements with Mr. Richardson anymore and his well is no longer connected to MLD. The Committee then discussed whether Woodsville Water & Light could supply all MLD water needs. Don Drew noted the connection with WW&L is a 2" water main and it is not capable of supplying all of MLD's needs.

Adjournment: Robert Roudebush moved to adjourn; Patricia Brady seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patricia Brady – aye, Robert Roudebush – aye, Mark Johanson – aye, Bob Long – aye, Don Drew – aye; and motion passed.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Jan. 7 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo