

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing**  
**July 6, 2023**  
**\*UNAPPROVED\***

**Call to Order:** Chair Ed Rajsteter called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

**Roll Call:**

- **Committee:** Ed Rajsteter, Mark Johanson, Christine Dunster and Facility & Water Manager John Mitchell were present. Ed Rajsteter declared a quorum present.
- **Public Present: In-Person:** Bob Long, Kristi Garofalo **Via Zoom:** NONE

**Minutes Approval:**

- **June 1, 2023:** Mark Johanson moved to approve; John Mitchell seconded and the motion passed.

**WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:**

Ed Rajsteter thanked John Mitchell for his work in clearing up a long-standing cloudy water issue at a Lincoln Way residence. John Mitchell said the water team plans to do a blowoff on that road and they are investigating the loop setup in the area to avoid future issues.

John Mitchell shared the following water usage numbers for June: the total usage for the month was 772,822; the daily usage high was 32,932 gallons per day, the low was 20,254 gpd and the average daily usage was 25,760 gpd. He said the chlorine residual tested at .28 which is good and in line with department goals.

He reported new meters were installed at the pump house, then issues were found with the Woodsville Water & Light meter. It was determined plumbing work was needed for the meter with issues and the meter at the infiltration well. The cost for the project is about \$2,500 and John Mitchell will contact the supplier about issues with the new meters. He also reported the 2ND Quarter reports for NHDES were done and accepted, and the report shows the volume water drawn (and purchased) from WW&L is down. He told the Committee he is also gathering 6-month readings from the houses on the house meter project to begin accumulating individual usage data.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT UPDATE:** Kristi Garofalo said the Governor and Council (G&C) approved the grant award at their recent meeting and MLD should receive the formal approval letter soon. In the meantime, consultant Abby Fopiano of Edgewater Solutions will begin the process by scheduling an introductory meeting in the next few weeks.
- **GRAFTON COUNTY ARPA GRANT APPLICATION:** Bob Long reported MLD received a grant from Grafton County at the maximum amount of \$40,000. Kristi Garofalo reported the award letter and

check were already received and the commissioners will schedule a public hearing to officially accept the funds. Bob Long said the funds would be used to replace about 300 feet of water line along Bear Road; he has already spoken to the excavation contractor and the project is on their schedule and planned for this coming fall.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **WIN WITH WATER DAY:** The Committee discussed working with Rec Committee to hold another water education day as was done in 2022. They agreed to set the date for Saturday, August 5 (rain or shine) at the District Office. It will be held as an open house from 9:00 to 11:00 am and consist of the same program as last year. ***Each Committee member who led a segment last year will do the same presentation this year and Kristi Garofalo will begin putting announcements in the DMAIL next week.***
- **WATER ACCOUNT:** John Mitchell reported the delinquent water account on Valley Road made the first payment per the signed agreement and the water will be restored as agreed as soon as the plumber and/or customer can be present.
- **VOLUNTARY LAKE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (VLAP):** Mark Johanson said the annual VLAP testing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 at 9:00AM and with his upcoming surgery, he may not be recovered enough by that time to get in and out of the boat as needed. He requested a backup in case he cannot help with the testing. After discussion of what was involved for the testing, Ed Rajsteter agreed to be Mark Johanson's backup for VLAP.
- **WATER SOURCING:** Bob Long reported a conversation with Jim Vernon of Nobis Engineering about geological maps that show aquifers present just below the MLD water chambers and suggested investigating them for water sourcing. The Committee agreed water sourcing would be part of the Asset Management Plan and the possibilities should be explored as part of that project.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, August 3 at 8:00AM

- **Adjournment:** Mark Johanson moved to adjourn; John Mitchell seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:02AM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kristi Garofalo