

MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
at the District Office and via Zoom Video Conferencing
September 2, 2021
***UNAPPROVED**

Call to Order: Chair Patricia Brady called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Roll Call: Patricia Brady, Mark Johanson, Ed Rajsteter, Robert Roudebush, Ken King and Don Drew (Maintenance/Water Project Manager) were present at the District Office.

Public Present In-Person: Bob Long. Chris Dellinger of Hood's Plumbing attended briefly as noted below.

Public Present via Zoom: None

Minutes Approval:

- **Aug. 5, 2021:** Robert Roudebush moved to approve; Mark Johanson seconded and motion passed.

Water System Update:

- **Water Usage:** Don Drew reported usage is averaging in the low 30,000s to 35,000s gpd and noted usage should go down with the end of the summer season.
- **Incident Report:** No incidents since the Aug. 1 break in the Roudebush Loop/Lakeside Drive area.
- **Other:** Don Drew reported a violation was received from the state on the bedrock well sampling. The test was done as required, but the sample was lost between the testing company and the state. The test was re-done and re-submitted, and the violation was cleared. District contractor Chris Dellinger of Hood's Plumbing came to the meeting to raise concerns about glitches in internet service in the water chambers area that cause the SCADA monitoring system to shut down and require a manual reset. Don Drew said he has approached internet provider Consolidated Communications about the problem, but no answers have been found yet. After discussion of options, the Committee agreed ***Don Drew will contact Spectrum Communications to see what options they offer for internet service in the area.***

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update: Bob Long reported the Haverhill select board voted at their Aug. 16 meeting not to give ARPA funds to the districts. Bob Long said he will continue to explore possible funding from other sources. The Committee discussed the possibility of finding a grant writer or other funding expert to assist in the funding search. ***Bob Long and Kristi Garofalo talked to possible candidates in the past and they will research those providers and pass along the information to the Committee.***

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Test Pumping:** Drew said he and Chris Dellinger put a small pump in the new test well at the French Pond Road site and it is pumping about 1 to 2 gallons per minute. He said they are still flushing it out and will continue to test. They need a monitoring probe to leave the pump running unattended and Jim Vernon from Nobis Engineering is providing one they can borrow. He said they hope to have more data

for the Committee to review at their next meeting. The Committee also agreed to test pump the 10” well nearby while the equipment is in the same area.

Patricia Brady said she heard a report of clay used in 1971 or 1972 for a well in the MLD area and wondered where that might be. The Committee discussed that it might be the infiltration well currently in use and **Patricia Brady said she will research the issue further.**

- **Low Salt Signs and Implementation:** Patricia Brady said she contacted Road Agent Colton Grant to ask for the signs to be put up soon and his response was they planned to have them installed in the next week or two.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dam Mowing:** Don Drew said mowing of the dams is coming up and a date will be set soon.
- **Water Break Procedure:** Don Drew shared a draft version of a procedure to follow for water break responses. After reviewing the draft, the Committee agreed to its use. **Don Drew will give the procedure to Chris Dellinger.**
- **Committee Members:** Patricia Brady suggested recruiting additional members to the Water Committee, particularly those who have technical experience. After discussion, the Committee agreed **Patricia Brady will draft a recruitment note to be sent out to the MLD community.**

Adjournment: Robert Roudebush moved to adjourn; Mark Johanson seconded, and motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 am.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 7 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristi Garofalo