

# **PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Water Subcommittee Meeting – February 25, 2008**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**The Water Subcommittee meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners was held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 5:15 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.**

**Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Ann Polacek and Commissioners Brian Choiniere**

**Also in Attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager**

**Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 5:15 pm.**

### **1. New Fee Structure Proposed for the Water Department**

**Ms. Allaire gave an overview of what had previously been presented at the February 4, 2008 Regular BUC Meeting. PUD was lacking a demand fee. This fee was designed to collect some of the costs up front from new customers, to take the burden off the existing rate payers. PUD also has changed some of the existing charges to bring**

them more in line with what other utility companies are charging. This will also allow our revenue to increase so that we are not looking at negative revenue. There have been changes in the meter use fee, tapping fee and an increase in the Restricted fund contribution from \$10 to \$12. PUD has proposed a slight increase to the hydrant fee. These are the basic increases that PUD is looking at. If the projects on the books come to fruition and our forecasts are correct, PUD is looking at increased revenues of approximately \$175,000 over the next five years. We are proposing these increases take effect in April of this year. We will also have to make changes to our applications and rules and regulations.

The hydrant fee can be postponed until November if the Board wishes. This would give the Fire District ample notice to build this into their budget. Mr. Palmisciano stated he would like to send them a letter to advise them that this will be happening.

Mr. Palmisciano asked about the connection fee. Ms. Allaire stated the tapping fee or connection fee can be flexible, meaning a contractor can put in the water line while the road is open. The fee we don't want to be flexible is the demand fee. The demand fee has a serious impact to the system. Mr. Palmisciano stated he just wanted to be clear on the difference between the fees.

Mr. Choiniere stated that the connection fee and engineering fee are separate as well. The engineering fee is just for commercial and

multiple. Ms. Allaire stated that was correct and before a project even started we would collect that fee up front. Mr. Garille stated our demand fee is not the same as Harrisville's connection fees. It's the same structure but not the same fee.

Motion to recommend approval to the full board was made by Commissioner Brian Choiniere and seconded by Commissioner Polacek. Vote in favor was unanimous.

## **2. Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Choiniere and seconded by Ms. Polacek, all in favor, vote is unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

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**Brian Choiniere, Secretary**  
**Board of Utility Commissioners**

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**Kris Fanning, Recording Secretary**