

**PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Water Subcommittee Minutes– September 26, 2011**

**A meeting of the Pascoag Utility District was held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 5:00 PM in the District Office at 253 Pascoag Main Street., Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Members Present: Albert Palmisciano and Ann Polacek**

**Members Absent:**

**Mr. Palmisciano called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM**

**Minutes**

**1. Action Item: Special Meeting**

**Ms. Allaire stated that there are three projects with the RICWFA which would total 1.3 million dollars. Pascoag has to provide notice to the Board and the Clerk at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The meeting also has to be advertised and a Canvasser's meeting has to be scheduled. This special meeting could either be done separately or in conjunction with the annual meeting. Ms. Polacek made a motion to recommend to the full Board that they add this as an agenda item to**

the annual meeting, seconded by Mr. Palmisciano. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **2. Action Item: Creation of Restricted Fund for the Water Department**

Mr. Kirkwood reviewed the need for a creation of a new restricted fund for the Water Department with funds from the settlement. He recommended that the restricted fund be set up for \$500,000. Ms. Polacek made a motion to recommend to the full Board to approve the creation of a restricted fund from the potential proceeds of the Exxon Mobil settlement, seconded by Mr. Palmisciano. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **3. Review of RF and Hydrant Fees on Customer Bills**

Ms. Allaire stated that St. Patrick's parish was unhappy with having to pay a separate restricted fund and assessment fee for each of their meters. They felt that because they were one customer with multiple meters that they should only pay the fees once. Mr. Palmisciano and Ms. Polacek were in agreement with the fees on a per meter basis because if different customers owned the meters they would be paying the same charges. Ms. Allaire was told to notify St. Patrick's church.

## **4. Revision of Charter**

Mr. Kirkwood stated that since 200 the charter does not list the District as having a taxing authority. He stated that the wording needs to be included in the charter if it hasn't already in a previous version. Ms. Allaire will ask Mr. Bernstein to provide the District with a certified copy of the District's charter.

## **5. Grants**

**The subcommittee would like management to think about setting up a meeting with Senator Jack Reed to talk about grant funding for water infrastructure in Pascoag.**

## **6. Action Item: Plan for Funds of Exxon Mobil Settlement**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that the loan application for a new Harrisville interconnection has been pulled off the table. There are two loan applications that PUD is proceeding with, one for tank painting and another for well exploration. The Well Exploration will pay special attention to the shut down Well #1 that was closed down thirty years ago due to high iron and manganese counts which can now be treated very easily. This item has been tabled as an action item.**

## **7. Effective Utility Water Management Plan**

**Mr. Kirkwood stated that this is the first phase of the EPA money. The EPA is helping management with asset management.**

## **8. Adjournment**

**Ms. Polacek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Palmisciano. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.**

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**Wally Lees, Secretary Board of Utility Commissioners**

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