

Prudence Island Water District

Minutes of meeting: July 8, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Phillip Brooks and Robert Hanson. Absent was Richard Brooks.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Phillip Brooks to approve minutes of meeting held June 10, 2006, seconded by Robert Hanson, approved unanimously. Motion by Patricia Richard to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2006, seconded by Robert Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Received from Town of Portsmouth \$1,102, completing CDBG obligation for 2006. Ms. Richard spoke with David Faucher, Portsmouth Finance Director, about the additional \$7000 in funding to come from Rural Development Council. Mr. Faucher said that he was unaware of the status of that funding. Ms. Richard contacted Robert Driscoll, Portsmouth Town Administrator, who said that he would contact the Rural Development Council. Ms. Richard said that she had been led to believe from previous conversations that the matter had been settled and was distressed that now that did not appear to be the case. She said that in future she would make every effort to assure that all such understandings were received in writing.

Ms. Richard reported paying a \$300 invoice from Premier Labs.

Ms. Richard reported receiving the insurance policy from RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust and said that the invoice would be coming.

Ms. Richard reported receiving a response from the Narragansett Indian Tribal Preservation Office regarding their visit to Prudence to review the site of the proposed treatment facility. The response described what steps were necessary for the district to take to insure that no damage would be done to artifacts related to tribal activity if construction were to take place on the proposed site.

Ms. Richard reported having contacted Tom Nicholson of C&E Engineering regarding errors and omissions in the final draft of the environmental report. She said that Mr. Nicholson had corrected the problems and presented new copies to the board.

Ms. Richard reported forwarding the final drafts of the pre-development engineering and environmental reports to Dave Steere at USDA, and included the response from the Narragansett Tribe, which had been omitted.

Technical: Mr. Brooks said that he had equipment with him for leak detection and would find out if the PIUC wanted to do a survey over the weekend.

Mr. Brooks said that recent breakthroughs in reverse osmosis technology were making treatment for salinity much more affordable.

Groundwater workshop to be held on July 13, 9 a.m. at DEM office in Providence. Mr. Brooks reported that no representative of the town attended the final planning meeting. Mr. Buffum said that a dry run of the presentation was done and modifications were made to gather information on what steps needed to be taken right now to begin protecting groundwater resources.

Funding: No further funding issues

Correspondence: No further correspondence.

No other business. Mr. Buffum moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Ms. Richard, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk