

Prudence Island Water District

Minutes of meeting: September 5, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Richard Brooks and Phillip Brooks. Absent was Leo Perrotta.

Approval of minutes of meeting for August 22, 2009: Motion to approve by Richard Brooks, seconded by Phillip Brooks, approved unanimously.

Purchasing/Treasury:

August expenses totaled 27,273.68. This figure includes SDWRF loan payment in the amount of \$22,087.50.

People's Credit Union CD has matured and check has been received, will be deposited asap.

Customer Accounts/Billing:

Final notices for June billing went out on Sept 2. Twenty open invoices.

Water Conservation Bylaws:

Mr. Buffum and Richard Brooks have been studying the state drought index and historic rainfall data. Based on this data and on percentage deviation from "normal" groundwater levels, language will be constructed to describe conservation stages for district bylaws. Draft should be presented at the next meeting.

Cross Contamination Program Policy Statement:

Cross Connection Control Program policy:

The district board considered language of the policy presented at its meeting of 8/5/09 and amended the policy as from:

Policy

It is the responsibility of the PIWD to provide safe potable water. In an effort to maintain the integrity of the system, the PIWD shall implement a Cross Connection Control Program by adopting rules and regulations to control cross-connections, using a containment strategy to protect the public water supply from the possibility of contamination by backflow from sources outside the supply system.

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Policy

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Motion by Phillip Brooks to accept the policy as amended, seconded by Richard Brooks, approved unanimously.

Facility lease renewal:

Discussion of terms of current lease and possible amendments. Draft of new lease to be considered at the next board meeting.

System Manager report:

Received results of SOC testing of Army Camp well. No parameters over maximum contaminant level, one parameter at reporting level (DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL-PHTHALATE), possibly from degradation of plastic pipe.

Complaint of rusty water on Harriet Ave 08/09/09. Possible cause was putting #4 well online. Flushing took place in Homestead on 8/11/09. Received another rusty water report on 9/5/09, #4 well had been taken offline. Phillip Brooks said that any change to the hydraulics of the system will result in some amount of rusty water. The board commended Mr. Capron for his continued commitment to respond to water quality complaints.

Mr. Capron noted that Big Blue has not been cleaned since construction and presented the board with information regarding a robotic cleaning method that would allow the tank to remain online during the process. Estimate of \$2500 to do the tank, assuming only 1-inch of rust settled at the bottom. Hatchway might be an issue. Provided the clerk with contact information for the company.

Nate Bacon reported leak at meter on Army Camp well; loose gasket was tightened, air got into the service line, rusty water complaint ensued, line was bled twice to alleviate the problem.

Eliminated cross-connection at 100 Broadway.

Monthly bacteria sample taken; also delivered letter requesting change of sampling station to DOH. Quarterly bacterial sample taken for Prudence Park system.

John Cubellis replaced breaker box at Indian Springs pumphouse. Took amp readings for #1 well, draws 13 amps, but generator cannot power the well although it's rated at 7500 watts.

Cut grass at all installations; requested district look into getting riding lawn mower.

Installed new curb stop at 012 Merrill Ave.

Installed new curb stop at 037 Governor Paine Road.

Installed curb stop at 020 Harriet Ave. Mr. Capron thanked Eugene Rinker for his help in locating the trench.

Installed new curb stop at 05 Daniel Ave.

Curb stop at 0964 Narragansett run over by contractor working in the area; needs to be brought back to the surface.

Raised valve box at Madison and Daniel. Broke shovel, replacement needed.

Telemetry fixed on Big Blue.

Repaired leak on Fairview Ave.

Telephone pole replacements on Warner Ave and on Sunset Hill Ave.

Contractor says they'll be replaced in exact location that they now exist; Mr. Capron advised contractor to keep him apprised of scheduling.

Phillip Brooks informed the board that he initiated a 4 a.m. emergency call to Mr. Capron regarding strange noises coming from Indian Springs pumphouse area. Mr. Capron responded to the call; no problems found. The board approved annoyance pay for the call.

Mr. Buffum reported a complaint of low water pressure; called Nate Bacon because Mr. Capron not on duty, suspect that clogged residential water filter could be source of the problem.

Well/Streamflow monitoring:

Two-week delay for next monitoring. Richard Brooks reported that well levels were down in August but not cause for immediate concern. Mr. Capron said that readings at #3 well were lowest since he began taking levels.

Correspondence:

Received letter from RI Interlocal Risk Mgt Trust informing district of impending payroll audit in connection with workers compensation premiums.

Letters to first 3 people on waiting list regarding the district's intention to bring on new connections in 2010 and advising them to contact Mr. Capron to arrange for the work to be done.

Letter to Marcy Dunbar informing him of the board's decision to award her a lifetime free water connection for her residence in recognition of her long service to community water system.

Letters to PIA, Union Church and Homestead Assn informing them of board's decision to provide a discount to island non-profits.

Other:

Ms. Richard reminded the board of her intention to resign the clerk's position in the near future.

Richard Brooks suggested that the board consider scheduling its meetings monthly rather than bi-weekly. Ms. Richard said that the issue of the meetings schedule would be taken up soon in the context of the annual calendar.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Buffum, seconded by Phil. Brooks, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk