

Prudence Island Water District Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting held 1/11/14

Call to Order. Present were Moderator Harry Sterling; Clerk Martha Fuller; Board Members Bill Silvia, Philip Brooks, Jan Northby. A quorum was present. Also present, Office Manager Donna Hammann and System Manager Will Capron.

Approve Minutes of meetings of December 14 and December 21, 2013. Philip Brooks moved, Bill Silvia seconded, to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Personnel Manual revisions. Deferred.

Update and discuss ongoing projects. Board will meet with Tom Simbro and representatives of East Coast Construction at the Bristol-Warren Water District offices at a time to be determined. Tom Simbro has said that he thinks additional funds could be found if required for our projects. In discussing the new wellhouse, the Board determined that it should have an automatic propane-powered generator, and should be insulated and heated. The area around Big Blue will be surveyed to determine which property owners need to give permission for PIWD to locate probes in the search for water sources. The System Manager suggested that a pressure-regulating valve may be required for the Army Camp well.

Office Manager's report. Current deposits, \$78,238.30. \$7,915 undeposited. Major outlay has been for resource development, with some invoices not providing specifics. In considering contracts in the future, the Office Manager will look them over for possible non-specific costs, and will refer any concerns to Philip Brooks.

System Manager's Report.

Brad Steere of Atlantic States met with the System Manager, demonstrated an electronic leak detection device, and located a leak on Warner Avenue. Discussed the problem of total coliform bacteria in Indian Spring #1 well. He suggests installing a Jaswell seal below the well casing.

All water samples from December absent of bacteria, including IS #1.

Received violation notice from the Department of Health. Office Manager will deal with it.

Prepared and presented options for curb stop installations particularly in Warnerville.

Met with George DeChambeau to make final adjustments and corrections on system maps.

Water production below 7,000,000 gallons for the second year in a row. Because of the unusually large amount of rainfall in June, Army Camp well was more productive than usual providing almost 3,000,000 gallons of mineral-free, excellent quality water. IS #4 was the primary well from July through November and for the year.

Operated emergency generators at Indian Spring and Broadway pumphouses.

Did streamflow and well monitoring.

Installed isolation valve on Simonelli Road, off Warner Avenue. Water line on Simonelli is 1" at a depth of only 3'. Homeowner at 04 Simonelli, Hugh Antaya, said he had no water one winter for three months because of frozen line, either service line or water main or both.

Martha Fuller moved to meet in Executive Session, Philip Brooks seconded. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) Discussion related to acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes: land for new water source.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Martha Fuller moved to return to Open Session, Jan Northby seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjourn.