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**PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

February 7, 2006

**Members Present:**

Robert Griffith  
Frank Perry  
June Swallow

**Members Absent:**

William Stamp  
Elizabeth Scott

**Staff Present:**

Juan Mariscal  
Kathleen Crawley  
Beverly O'Keefe  
William Riverso  
Robert Christina

**Guests:**

Susan Andrade  
Pasqual DeLise

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Griffith called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** With a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Swallow, the minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting were approved.

**3. ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**A. RI PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM - PHASE III:**

- (1) **CITY OF PAWTUCKET (PWSB) - LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT IN THE DIAMOND HILL RESERVOIR WATERSHED; TOWN OF CUMBERLAND PLAT 57, LOTS 2 AND 22; ACREAGE 44 +/- ACRES, - (PRATT PROPERT) – Request for Eligibility Approval to Increase Project Funding Outlay**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Mr. Riverso reported that this request was presented at the last PDWP committee meeting and tabled for further review. In addition this project was approved for eligibility at the November 14, 2005 Board Corporate meeting with an initial request outlining the use of \$420,000.00 from program funds. He stated that at this time PWSB is asking to increase their contribution to the project. He reported that Ms. Primiano has reviewed the revised appraisal and recommends approval of the appraisal in the amount of

\$1,220,000.00. He recommended approval by the committee. Ms. Swallow asked why the Champlain Foundation reduced their contribution to the project. Mr. Riverso stated that he did not have a specific answer and has been trying to communicate with the Town of Cumberland's legal counsel to get feedback on this and other matters. Mr. Mariscal stated that there was never an issue on the viability of the project but thought that funds were trying to be spread around as much as possible by all parties. Mr. Griffith stated that there was some change in the amount of land being purchased. Mr. Riverso stated that it started at as 44 acres and now it is down to 35 acres. Mr. Griffith stated that this may have affected the change in contribution price by the Foundation. The committee asked staff to look into this. A motion to approve eligibility was called by Mr. Perry and seconded by Ms. Swallow; the committee approved the motion unanimously.

**(2) STONEBRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT – WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT – Associated Land Acquisition Costs - Request for Eligibility and Payment Approval**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Mr. Riverso reported that the project under consideration is for the acquisition costs associated with the recent purchase of development rights on property within the SBFD's watershed known as the Goddard Property project, which abuts the Stafford Pond Reservoir and is SBFD's sole raw water source. He stated that the project closed on December 2, 2005 and that the costs include appraisal and survey work in the amount of \$9,000 and legal costs in the amount of \$9,730. He added that proper supporting documentation has been submitted. He recommended approval by the Committee for eligibility and the payment request totaling \$18,730.00. A motion to approve eligibility and payment was called by Ms. Swallow and seconded by Mr. Perry; the committee approved the motion unanimously. Mr. Perry noted that similar to previous cases, small acquisitions can have high overhead costs.

**B. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT PLANS (WSSMP):**

**(1) TOWN OF JOHNSTON WATER FACILITY (JWCF) – 30-MONTH INTERIM REPORT - Request for Extension Approval**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Ms. O'Keefe reported the JWCF 30-Month Interim Report was due on December 24, 2005. JWCF submitted a 45-day extension request on January 19, 2006 citing understaffing difficulties. She stated Mr. George Corrente, Water Commissioner, was contacted to discuss the extension request whereby he stated a rough draft is under review, and he fully expects to have the report completed within the 45-day time period. She recommends approval of the extension request to be due no later than March 5, 2006. Mr. Griffith asked for assurance on Mr. Corrente's remarks. Ms. O'Keefe stated Mr. Corrente was certain he could meet the timeline. A motion to approve the extension request was called by Ms. Swallow and seconded by Mr. Perry; the committee approved the motion unanimously.

**(2) CITY OF WARWICK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CW) – 30-MONTH INTERIM REPORT - Request for Approval**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Ms. O’Keefe reported the CW 30-Month Interim Report was submitted on January 7, 2005 and after Staff and agency review were completed a Notice of First Deficiency was issued on July 6, 2005 requesting additional information. She stated that CW submitted a Response to First Notice of Deficiency on December 5, 2005, which was distributed for agency review and comment. She reported no agency review comments were received and found the responses to be adequate and in compliance with the requirements of the statute. She recommended approval of the CW 30-Month Interim Report as amended. A motion to approve was called by Ms. Swallow and seconded by Mr. Perry; the committee approved the motion unanimously.

**C. SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY STUDY PHASE II:**

**(1) MAGUIRE GROUP INVOICE #7 - Amount Billed \$17,205.00; Recommended Payment \$17,205.00 - Request for Payment Approval**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Mr. Mariscal reported that work is continuing on this project and that this invoice is for work done thus far bringing project billing up to date. He recommended approval in the amount of \$17,205.00. Mr. Perry asked if there would be any interim reports. Mr. Mariscal said he believes there will be but did not have a schedule for them. Mr. Griffith recommended that with there next payment request they should include a critical path chart showing when we could expect an interim report and what subject matter will be. A motion to approve the payment was called by Mr. Perry and seconded by Ms. Swallow; the committee approved the motion unanimously.

**D. WATER FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

**(1) BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY – SHAD FACTORY PIPELINE REPAIR PROJECT – Requisition #1 - Amount Billed \$105,717.56; Recommended Payment \$93,462.40 - Request for Payment Approval**

Mr. Griffith introduced the item. Mr. Mariscal reported that since early November he has been reviewing the invoice sent by BCWA and the notes from Tom Walker who had begun the review. He stated the invoice is for \$105,717.56 and that based on his review was comfortable to recommend approval of an amount of \$93,462.40 being paid at this time. He added that there are remaining items with questions that need further review. Mr. Griffith asked Mr. Pasqual DeLise of BCWA if he had anything to add. He said no. A motion to approve payment in the amount of \$93,462.40 was called by Ms. Swallow and seconded by Mr. Perry; the committee approved the motion unanimously.

#### **4) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

##### **A. DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – Drought Condition Update**

Ms. O’Keefe reported January temperatures were the sixth warmest January on record in Providence. Two additional inches of rain last week brings Rhode Island above the normal precipitation patterns for the month of January. She reported the Scituate Reservoir was at 105.6% capacity. Groundwater level conditions are normal to above normal with the exception of the Burrillville Well #395 which was below normal before last weeks rain. Staff will continue to monitor groundwater levels during the next month. Ms. Swallow asked if there was an explanation for that. Ms. O’Keefe stated that she did not have a technical explanation but will contact USGS for a technical explanation.

##### **B. WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM - Update**

Ms. O’Keefe reported staff continues to work closely with the water suppliers on reporting requirements, rules and regulations, and data reporting. She reported a work group is preparing source water assessment draft outline on requirements and updates to support the water supply system management plan 5-Year Updates. She stated participants plan to meet for a second meeting to review a draft outline of proposed actions.

###### **1). Harrisville Fire District (HFD) Relationship with Pascoag Utility District (PUD) Regarding Future Water Supply Expansion and Needs – Update**

Ms. O’Keefe reported Mr. Mariscal has scheduled a meeting with Pascoag. Ms. Swallow asked what the topic of the meeting would be. Mr. Mariscal reported the meeting would be primarily a “meet and greet” meeting and talk about issues.

##### **C. RI PUBLIC DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROG. PHASE III – Update**

Mr. Riverso reported that six suppliers have completed the program. He stated that 58% of funds have been approved for payment with 95% of funds being committed and or reimbursed. He stated that the good news of the day was that RI EDC has found a land acquisition project it could partner with to use its funds.

###### **1). Preparation for Phase IV – Outlining of Criteria, Materials for Review**

Mr. Mariscal reported that there was no discussion prepared to be initiated today but that the information has been compiled as requested. Mr. Griffith stated that members of the committee should be reminded to attend the next meeting in order to have a full and open discussion on the subject.

##### **D. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION/ACQUISITION PROGRAM – Update**

Mr. Riverso reported that forward movement is in progress. He stated that earlier today there was a status meeting held with Lisa Primiano who reported that the Richmond Airport property project appraisal and the Tuckahoe Turf property appraisals should be

completed by the end of this month while the Charlestown property appraisal should be completed in one to two months. He stated that she continues to be in touch with the Heaton Orchard Road property owners who are conducting their own appraisal. Mr. Riverso reported that the two South Kingstown sites are being delicately worked on by and at the request of Mr. Henry Meyer. In addition, he reported that staff met with representatives of the Shannock Water District who are interested in our help with exploring additional water sources. He stated that this meeting has re-initiated the pursuit of two sites in the District area where the sites owner has refused to cooperate in the past. Ms. Swallow shared her review on the various lab reports regarding the sites being pursued.

## **E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – Update**

### **1). Water Use Database Reporting – Update**

Mr. Christina reported ongoing progress in extracting data from the USGS NEWUDS database. The data are imported into the WSSMP system which will form the foundation of the Rhode Island water supply system management plan database. He reported USGS will provide an overview on the WSSMP database and its relationship to NEWUDS to the General Manager and staff on February 10, 2006.

### **2). State Water Use Data Summary – Update**

Mr. Christina reported this USGS contracted project is still an ongoing effort. Staff has been asked to assist in data collection from the water suppliers as data from 11 suppliers remains uncollected. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future with USGS to discuss progress meeting the contracted deliverables.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Griffith adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Griffith  
Chairman

*Note: The complete proceedings of this meeting are available on audiotape by request.*

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