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The York Water District Board of Trustees meeting was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, through remote conferencing as approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

President, Richard Leigh called the Meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Others present were Treasurer – Russell Peterson, Clerk – Stephen Rendall, Trustee – Richard Boston and Trustee – Karen Arsenault. Staff present was Superintendent – Donald Neumann, Treatment Plant Manager – Ryan Lynch, Utility Service Coordinator – Todd Hill, Water Resource Specialist – Joseph Dignam and Financial Asst. – Shelley Kimball.

On a motion made by Trustee Boston and duly seconded by Trustee Arsenault, it was voted unanimously to accept the Minutes of the June 16, 2021, Board Meeting.

Public Comment:

Torbet McDonald
Martha King
Janet Drew
Harvey Reid
Sharon Fogarty Trafton
Christine Gsottschneider

David Maxson CEO of Isotrope and Professor Kenneth Foster presented to the Board with a peer review of the proposal by AT&T to install cellular equipment on the York Heights Water Tank.

On a motion made by Trustee Rendall and duly seconded by Trustee Arsenault, it was voted unanimously to move the decision on whether or not to add cellular equipment to the York Heights Tank to the August agenda.

Ryan Lynch gave the Board an update on the drought conditions. Currently we have received 7.8” of rain highest in 28 years. Back in 2000 we received 7.4” of rain. Average rainfall in July is 3.4” we are 91% over the average rain fall. Our pond was -.8Ft in June and today’s level +.2 and running into the Cape Neddick River. Ryan has spoken to other neighboring water district that supply their customer by wells, their supply is coming up and being close to being back to normal.

Don gave an update on current operations:

- Information presented to the Board by all Kent Chamberlin, David Maxson and Professor Kenneth Foster will be posted on the District’s website tomorrow along with all documentation of recent public comments.
- Prior to last month meeting KKW was having an issue with higher demand then normal as a proactive measure they reached out to YWD to supply them with finish water through the emergency interconnection. We were also experiencing higher demand and so the only way we could supply KKW was to reach out to KWD to see if we could transfer raw water from the siphon main. KWD Trustees agreed to allow Mike to use the raw siphon line to transfer water if needed. The planning and collaboration from the 3 Districts are working well. Setting up a meeting in August with the 3 Districts and possibly including Maine Water to discuss long term options.
- Met with 2 consultants about 2 items addressed in our master plan.
 - Space needs assessment – once a proposal is received Don will supply a copy to the Board

- o Staffing assessment – comprehensive study into staffing, succession planning, what the district needs to continue to support the community needs.
- Staff and Wright Pierce are working with Civic Moxy who is working on the Towns Comp Plan. It's important that we Update the utility chapter to address supply and demand, what available in Chases Pond, what kind of growth we can handle and what's coming. Understand our options.
- Davis property looks like it under contract, it will have 120 services.
- YDPW came out with a 5-year capital paving plan. Crew is working with YPW and YSD to try and make sure that we tie our projects to their projects. This would be a cost savings for all entities.
- Nubble Road phase II main replacement is scheduled to start the day after Labor Day.
- York Housing is under way almost all the water main is installed on the project. Next step waiting to do a road crossing on Route One.
- Gulf Hill project consist of 50 house lots our engineer is working with them to design the pump station required to serve that property.
- Mic Mac property under construction planning on 2 domestic services and 2 fire services.
- Work force housing plans next to Hannaford have been approved with subtle changes needing to be signed off on.

President Leigh adjourned the meeting at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Rendall
Clerk
York Water District