



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 26, 2012

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Neumann opened the meeting at 9:10 AM at the Portland Water District Offices.

Roll Call: Present: President Neumann – York Water District
Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District
Director Parent – Sanford Water District
Director Labbe – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District
Director Crovo – Portland Water District

Absent: Vice-President Leach – South Berwick Water District
Director Mansfield – Biddeford-Saco Water Company

Others Present: Mr. Spugnardi, Mr. Miller, Mr. Johnson & Mr. Hunt –
Portland Water District
Mr. Lynch – York Water District
Mr. Levasseur – Sanford Water District

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of the Meeting of 5-24-11:

Director Parent motioned to approve the minutes of the 1-27-11 meeting. Seconded by Director Labbe. Unanimously Approved.

Reports:

- ♦ **President's Report:** President Neumann circulated the letter he had written to Dennis Finn from the Saco River Corridor Commission requesting that SMRWC become a formal stakeholder in the Commission.

- ◆ **Secretay/Treasurer's Report:** Secretary Hodgdon distributed the financial report for our fiscal year 2011 showing an ending balance of \$ 12,693.57. He also reported that our IRS filing for 2011 is complete.

The Board decided not to set Member dues for 2011 so there was no income to report from dues. They also decided to wait until October of this year to discuss setting Member dues for 2012.

- ◆ **Directors Subcommittee Reports:**

Cooperative Chemical Purchasing Program

Mr. Lynch reports that 23 companies participated in this years bid showing a bid value of \$1,580,000. All the awards have been made. Prices reflect an increase of 5% +/- over last year. He will be sending the billing information for the Chemical Purchasing Members to Secretary Hodgdon for billing.

Director Crovo started a discussion about expanding the number of participants in the program. It was the concensus of the Board to hold an "open house" style meeting to promote this program and also our GIS services program.

Mutual Aid

President Neumann reports that we held a few meetings of this group during the past year. Sites in Portland, York and Kittery were used. Director Labbe will be hosting the next meeting, the first for the distribution group, in late February.

Saco River Corridor

The Board wants to be sure that the lines of communication are kept open with this group. Mr. Finn from the Saco River Corridor Commission will be invited to our Annual Meeting in March.

Michael Nadeau Recognition Award

Director Crovo asked for recommendations from the Board for this award. He would like to present it at the Annual meeting if possible.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Nature Conservancy

Mr. Hunt reported on his meetings with this group on behalf of our Council. Discussion centered on how we can work with this group and also have them work with us. We have similar interests and both parties can benefit from each other. At least one member of our Board will attend their next meeting in February. Alex Mas from the Nature Conservancy will be invited to our Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

Director Crovo will check on dates available at the Holiday Inn – Saco Plaza Banquet Center for the end of March.

Goals for 2012

- ** Continue discussions with the Nature Conservancy group.
- ** Continue discussions with the Saco River Corridor Commission.
- ** Provide more Mutual Aid meeting opportunities.

Election of Officers for the SMRWC:

Director Parent nominated Director Crovo for President. Seconded by Director Labbe. Unanimously Approved.

Director Labbe nominated Director Parent for Vice-President. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.

Director Labbe nominated Secretary/Treasurer Hodgdon to serve another term. Seconded by Director Crovo. Unanimously Approved.

Other Business:

After the business meeting the Board moved into a work session about water line main extensions

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be called as needed.

Adjournment: *President Neumann adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Sec. /Treas.