



Southern Maine Regional Water Council

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL WATER COUNCIL
Annual Meeting of The Full Members
April 12, 2012

MINUTES

Convene Meeting: President Crovo opened the business meeting at 7:45 P.M. at the Saco Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Saco, ME.

Roll Call: **Present:** Ryan Lynch – Treatment Plant Manager – York Water District
Frank Witham – Trustee – YWD
Fred Ricker – Trustee – YWD
Dana Moulton III – Trustee – YWD
Andrew Belliveau – Trustee - YWD

Director Leach – South Berwick Water District
Doug Letellier – Trustee – SBWD
Warren Spencer – Trustee - SBWD
Paul Klebaur – Trustee - SBWD

Secretary/ Treasurer Hodgdon – Kittery Water District
Michael Rogers – Superintendent – KWD
Bob Wyman – Trustee – KWD
Roger Raymond – Trustee – KWD
Jim Golter – Trustee - KWD

President Crovo – Portland Water District
Ron Miller – General Manager – PWD
Jim Wallace – Director of Water Services
Paul Hunt – Environmental Services Manager
William Lunt – Trustee – PWD
Robert McSorley – Trustee – PWD
Jamie Willey – Trustee – PWD

Director Mansfield – Biddeford-Saco Water Company
Robert Theriault – Assistant Treasurer - BSWC

Vice-President Parent – Sanford Water District
Keith Levasseur – District Engineer - SWD

Director Labbe – Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District
Scott Minor – Assistant Superintendent
Don Gobeil – Technical Services Director – KKWWD
Richard Littlefield – Trustee from Ogunquit – KKWWD

Excused: Director Neumann – York Water District

Others Present: Alex Mas – The Nature Conservancy – Maine Chapter

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Introduction of Directors and Officers: President Crovo introduced the nominated Directors and Officers of the SMRWC for 2012.

Election of Directors: *Dave Parent from the Sanford Water District motioned to approve the slate of directors for the Southern Maine Regional Water Council for 2012 to include Norm Labbe-KKWWD, Don Neumann-YWD, Chris Mansfield-BSWC, Guy Hodgdon-KWD, John Leach-SBWD, Chris Crovo-PWD, and Dave Parent-SWD. Seconded by Chris Mansfield of the Biddeford-Saco Water Company. Unanimously Approved.*

President's Report:

2011 Accomplishments –

President Crovo acknowledged the accomplishments of outgoing President Neumann and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Council.

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2011 Annual Report

March, 2011-Re: Support of L.R. 2067 - Saco River Corridor Commission Funding

- President Neumann sent letter of support for Commission Funding

March 31, 2011 – Annual Meeting of Full Members

- Election of Directors

April, 2011 – Meeting with Saco River Corridor Commission

- President Neumann, Director Parent and Director Mansfield met with the Corridor commission and invited them to our directors meeting

May 24, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Saco River Corridor Commission Presentation – Dennis Finn, Executive Director of SRCC.
- Jeff McNelly Executive Director of MWUA led a discussion on District outreach to Municipalities and Local Legislators
- President Neumann reported that he submitted a letter and testified against House Bill LD 1077 – An Act to Enhance Public Participation in Decisions Relating to the Large Scale Extraction and Transportation of Water.

June 2, 2011 – Mutual Aid Exchange – Water Treatment – Sebago Lake Treatment Facility

- First meeting of the Mutual Aid Treatment Operator group – Plant Tour
 - Identified Common Assets amount Utilities – Chemical systems, motor & electrical systems, emergency power, SCADA, Spare Parts –
 - Discussion about operator skills – maintenance/ Instrumentation etc...
 - Events that could require assistance

June 28, 2011 – GIS Forum exchange

- Reviewed each utilities use of GIS and discussed ways to standardize our use of the platform
- Approval from the Drinking Water Program for 3 TCH

August 25, 2011 Mutual Aid Response – Preplanning Hurricane Irene

- Sec. /Treas. - Hodgdon updated the mutual aid call list and a preplanning list went out to everyone in preparation of the Storm

September 28, 2011 – Mutual Aid Training Exchange – Kittery and York- Plant tour

- Approval from the Drinking Water Program for 5 TCH

November/December 2011 – Annual Cooperative Chemical Purchasing Program

- Mr. Lynch reports that 23 entities 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

December 20, 2012 – Request to register as a formal Stakeholder with the Saco River Corridor Commission

- President Neumann sent a letter of request to SRCC.

January 26, 2012 – Board of Directors Meeting

- Elected officers for 2012
- Set goals for 2012
 - Continued discussions with Nature Conservancy group and Saco River Corridor Commission
 - Provide more Mutual Aid meeting opportunities
 - Promote use of purchasing coop with other water wastewater utilities with-in Cumberland and York county

January 26, 2012 – Workshop – Water Main Extensions and the PUC

- SMRWC members compared various examples of main extensions (case study) that were challenged by customers/PUC and discuss ways to strengthen standards, policies and procedures

2012 Focus -

1. Continue exchanges between Districts personnel to become familiar with each other's operation which will prove very beneficial in the event of a Mutual Aid event.
2. Continue developing our relationship with the Southern Water Resources Group. (Nature Conservancy)
3. Continue discussions with the Saco River Corridor Commission.
4. Sponsor an Open House for Associate Members regarding the Chemical Purchasing Coop and look into expanding to other Water and Wastewater Utilities in Southern Maine.

Alex Mas – The Nature Conservancy – Maine Chapter :

Mr. Mas reviewed the Nature Conservancy's recent project to pull together the many various agencies that have an interest in water resources in Maine. As a result of the positive interaction of this assembled group their efforts will continue to find common areas that can be defined and addressed for the benefit of all.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary / Treasurer Hodgdon provided a written Treasurer's Report to each attendee. Our current bank balance is \$ 12,661.56.

Director's Subcommittee Reports: There were no Subcommittee reports given at this meeting.

Old Business: There was no old business to come before the Council.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date was not set at this time. The date and time will be set via email to all the Directors.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Hodgdon, SMRWC Secretary/Treasurer