

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.
July 7, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

Attendance:

Ralph Hickson, Commission Chair
Art Ditto, Commissioner
Tom Clifford, Commissioner

Others Present:

Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager

I. Call to Order

Chair Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- June 2nd

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the minutes of June 2, 2021 as written. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

- May 22nd – Annual Meeting

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 5, 2nd to last paragraph, 2nd sentence should read: **There has to be a ceiling of how much water can be produced and how many homes can be supported.**
- Page 5, last paragraph, 7th sentence should read: **The well the District is trying to put on line for replacement, doesn't have the same volume of water, as the existing Cedar Run well.**
- Page 5, last paragraph, 8th sentence should read: **How to use a well of marginal quality, and putting it back into the system, comes back to a treatment plant.**

Motion by Tom Clifford to accept the Minutes of the Rye Water District Annual Meeting, May 22, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Art Ditto. All in favor.

III. Update from Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce

Chris Berg not in attendance.

IV. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, Data Report and Bacteria Tests for June

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his monthly report, pumping chart and data for the month of June and gave an update of the work over the past month.

- The Wallis Road main replacement has been approved by DES. The project is now out for bid and Wright-Pierce will be collecting the bid packets.
- There has not been any new activity on the Cedar Run replacement well project. DES has been verbally advised that the intent is to establish a replacement well, not a backup well. Superintendent Jones will be talking to Greg Smith from Wright-Pierce about the project when he returns from vacation next week.
- The water pumping totals show a decrease of about 2.5 million in comparison to last year. The existing Cedar Run well has not had to be enacted into the system; although, it has come close. At the end of six months for 2021, the system is at 68.2 million gallons total pumped through the system. It appears that July and August will bring the system close to last year of 155 million, or just a bit under.
- Bacteria samples will be pulled within the week.
- Cell work started at the tank site on July 6th. Some of the equipment is being upgraded and relocated on the tanks.
- There was an article written by Resident Tom King in the Rye Magazine about the Rye Water District regarding the drought and current usage levels of the wells. Superintendent Jones noted that Mr. King did not speak to him officially about this article. It seems that the information may have been obtained from DES. No other water district officials or personnel have had formal communications with Mr. King about the information that was contained in the article.
- The Housing Partnership project on Airfield Drive is going to be starting construction soon. The project is slated for 40 units. There has been no change in the plans that would affect the Water District. Superintendent Jones will speak with Wright-Pierce about having a clerk of the works assigned to this development.

Motion by Tom Clifford to accept the Superintendent's report for the month of June. Seconded by Art Ditto. All in favor.

V. Cash Flow Reports

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for June, along with the budget expense graphs. There were no issues or concerns.

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the cash flow reports for the month of June. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Not Available

VII. Correspondence

None

VIII. Old Business

- **Drought Ordinance**

The proposed drought ordinance was presented to the select board at their last meeting. They voted in favor of the ordinance with a slight change. The select board voted to change the days for irrigation so odd numbered addresses can water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the even addresses being able to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Superintendent Jones will follow up with Town Administrator Becky Bergeron to get a copy of the ordinance with the changes for the Commission to review.

IX. New Business

None

X. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes

There were no issues or concerns noted the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes.

XI. Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by Art Ditto to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger