



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm February 14, 2022

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Commissioners Anders Youngren, Joseph Maney, Jack Adelson (via zoom), Superintendent John Scenna, Treasurer Shannan Cuddy, and Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: none

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 7:48 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

1. New Business

- a. WTP, Station 3 Lagoon Materialization Report: The lagoons that hold the outflow from the treatment plant were investigated and tested. The lagoons were never properly maintained and cleaned. Weston & Sampson (W&S) treated the lagoons and found half was ok and the other half has characteristics of arsenic and other material which requires another manifestation and disposal process. We aren't required to do this immediately, per the DEP, but we need to figure this out. We will fund this project at the Annual District Meeting (ADM) from free cash. The cost to remove the material is estimated at \$50,000. W&S will be contracted to get 3 quotes and complete the work in late fall when we don't use the lagoons as much. We need to invest in the lagoons as it is used every day.

The new warrant for the Special District Meeting is ready for signatures and will be signed and reposted. Our by-law states each district meeting warrant shall be posted 7 days ahead. We had an inquiry that we are in violation of posting. Our Clerk of the District hung on to the word each in the by-law. The town of Lynnfield's by-laws differentiate between their Annual District Meeting (ADM) and their Special District Meeting (SDM). The ADM is 7 days

for posting and SDM is 14 days for posting. A constituent alerted us to the violation. District Counsel said we are on solid ground holding our SDM tonight but recommends changing the by-law at our ADM so this situation doesn't ever repeat itself. The board voted to hire another operator. A draft job description will go out this week and we hope to have the job description finalized. We will defer to the HR consultant to discuss.

2. Superintendent's Update

- a. PFAS Results and Next Steps: We are testing next week for February's PFAS. Right now, we are below the mcl level. We are moving forward with all initiatives. The bottle rebate program has been posted on the website today. The program began on January 24, 2022 (the date the board passed the program) and checks will be sent out after the Annual District Meeting. We received an updated PFAS plan from W&S that will go to the DEP and then be put to bid for site work. The short-term plan is to stay the course for treatment at station 2 and offer the bottle water program to anyone impacted that requires it. We have to issue another education letter on Thursday of non-compliance for the October, November and December quarter. The good news is we are now in compliance, but we don't know where we will be in 3 months. The SDM will fund this PFAS pilot project with no impact on borrowing or the rates. CDM will speak to addressing PFAS at Glen Drive with the iron and manganese pilot in more detail. We will have an amendment to our CDM task order to go to option 3 at 30% design to apply for SRF funds in August for PFAS at Glen Drive. This will be based on the temperature of the SRF program and what additional funding we will get. This will not slow down the Glen Drive project. We will be back on schedule by March 1st for the Glen Drive design.

We are educating the district and being transparent and have finalized our short-term options and have outlined the long-term options. Mr. Manning wants to know why we are now in compliance for PFAS the past few months. We are drawing less water in the winter and need to test more to see what happens in the spring. Regardless, all our results have gone down. Mr. Manning mentioned the paper said the district is looking to find the source of the PFAS and asked if this is accurate. At this time, we are focused on the treatment and eventually in the long-term we would be interested in finding the source, but this requires environmental and geotechnical studies. Mr. Manning also said the district reports on our water contaminants in the consumer confidence report and he assumes this to mean that everything gets mixed together. In reading about the rebate program, it implied some homes getting heavier concentration from other wells and if that's true, why don't we report by well. The district is required by the DEP to report by system. Our DEP sampling program is by the station and now they overlayed PFAS sampling. At the Phillips water treatment plant, we have to test once a quarter and station 1 doesn't have to be tested because we have shut it down. Our sample program is by the station. Mr. Manning asked if we have considered longer term options to keep our current supply or go to MWRA. As we consider our long-term

options, it depends on how much we draw from MWRA, and it depends on the difference in quality of the 2 systems. Mr. Manning doesn't know if there are other contaminants in the water and doesn't know about MWRA water quality but feels it is important to assess long-term options and to address the issue. The district has been working with the design team to continue to explore our options whether that is to continue investing in treating our water or supplement with another source; we need time to explore all the options.

3. Update on Capital Improvement Plan

- a. Wakefield Update: The plans are with Mass DOT and are being reviewed. CDM needs to work with the town to determine the road layout with the vault. We met with Water Resource, MWRA, and MEPA for the interbasin permitting process. We will have an update at the second meeting in March and the greensand pilot test should be done by then.

4. Continued Business

The SDM has been postponed to March 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Merritt Center.

5. New Business (Look Ahead)

- a. FY23 Budget & Rate Hearing, FY23 Fee Schedule & Volumetric Rate Vote, Monday, February 28, 2022 with Dave Fox, Raftellis

The February 28th meeting will discuss the budget and the new rates. The rates will become effective March 1, 2022 to support the FY23 budget. The meeting will be advertised as a public hearing.

6. Other Board Items:

- a. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: n/a

Motion: a motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting.

Seconded: the motion was seconded, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Youngren, Commissioner Adelson and Commissioner Maney saying aye by a unanimous vote.

- b. Approve A/P and Payroll and Payment Plans, if applicable: n/a
- c. Approve Abatements as Recommended by the Abatement Committee: n/a
- d. Any other unanticipated items by the Board

Chairman Maney would like to discuss an email he received from Russ Bronshvayg at 8 Mohawk Drive. Mr. Bronshvayg is asking if the board would reconsider reimbursing him \$2,000 for a filter in his home to address PFAS. Mr. Bronshvayg is outside the affected area for PFAS. We don't even know if filters remove PFAS. CDM may want to partner with

some homes to see if a filter system works for removing PFAS. The CDM pilot would bear those expenses, not the district. This pilot is not up and running at this time. For now, we have a temporary solution with the bottled water program until we get the PFAS pilot program at Main Street up and running. We need to hold the line, it's a slippery slope and it's too early to start sliding.

e. Executive Session for legal and personnel purposes if required: n/a

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,