



LYNNFIELD CENTER WATER DISTRICT WARRANT
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm January 19, 2023

Date, time, place: The regular meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Commissioners Anders Youngren, Joseph Maney, Steven Walsh, Superintendent John Scenna, Clerk of the Board Christine Smallenberger

Absent: Treasurer Kevin Sullivan

Others attending: Representative Brad Jones, Sean Reid, Anne Malenfant from CDM Smith and Chip Nysten

Additional attachments: Agenda, incorporated into the minutes hereto.

Next Regular Meeting: February 13, 2023

Adjourn: 7:55 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Representative Brad Jones and Sean Reid from Senator Crighton's office presented the district with a \$100,000 earmark to go towards PFAS remediation design and construction. Representative Jones and Senator Crighton have been important in our quest to receive funds and will continue to keep pushing and help us with the challenges along the way. The board expressed the district's appreciation and dedication to Representative Jones and Senator Crighton.

Tonight's presentation from Ann Malenfant/CDM Smith is to provide an overview of where we are, where we are going and the timelines for the various projects. The vault project will be ready for an early spring bid. Once 90% is complete, we will submit to MASS DOT for their consideration, approval, and discuss for summer construction. The connection will be ready while the MWRA admission process is underway. We need to join MWRA before we can take water. We already started Phase 2 of the scope. We can now move through the EINF process. The capital projects are all about balancing challenges.

The EPA drinking water standard is expected to be known in March 2023 for PFOA and PFOS. We have been waiting on this announcement to move forward with decision making. We went through an alternative analysis of 6 options of some combinations of LCWD to all MWRA water (wheeling through communities and a direct connection to MWRA); the slide shows the different options and cost analysis through 30 years (incorporated into these minutes).

The district has made the list for the 0% SRF loan. The design documents for Glen Drive treatment plant must be submitted by October 13, 2023. The plan is to bid in October/November 2023, award the bid in December 2023/January 2024 and begin construction through 2025.

Wakefield has a contractor to install the pipe; we will have an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Wakefield for terms. We are hopeful we can expedite the process with MWRA.

We want to build the Glen Drive treatment plant to include the treatment of PFAS and now with the earmark we can continue the design. We have to give notice to CDM to proceed. We are looking at alternatives to bid this around Chapter 149a and are kicking around build options which is challenging. There are mechanisms that allow us to design and do other things in parallel. We have a budget issue we need to address. Superintendent Scenna supports a new building that doesn't require a retrofit. It is a pre-engineered metal building that comes in pieces and the layout is efficient. We need to move forward and start the process. Commissioner Youngren asked what do we need to do meet the deadline for the SRF award. Superintendent Scenna said it is imperative that CDM gets back to designing for a completion date of August/September in time for the October SRF deadline. Commissioner Youngren supports the PFAS treatment included as a single building; it makes the most sense as we are almost certain we will need to treat for PFAS. Superintendent Scenna wants to note the SRF funding will require a vote and acceptance of the district of the conditions the fund presents at a special district meeting or at the annual district meeting. We will have a memo soon of what the SRF entails of the project. The SRF allows us to borrow up to \$15 million for the project for this year and \$3 million in year 2. The Glen Drive plant, PFAS and piping Station 2 to Glen Drive are applicable for the SRF funding but the Wakefield interconnection is not. Superintendent Scenna is working with Representative Jones and Senator Crighton's office for some principal forgiveness. We aren't alone in dealing with PFAS challenges.

To summarize, the Wakefield interconnection will be completed as planned. The MWRA permit process is proceeding and admission to MWRA is tracking under budget as the admission fee has been waived. We have a great partner in Wakefield. The SRF application is good news. The challenge is how do we build the treatment plant and keep it

in range financially for the district. We hope to achieve this through aggressive procurement and solicitation of other grants, perhaps ARPA funds.

Mr. Chip Nylan, representative for 163 Lowell Street, asked if the district is determining the source of the PFAS. Chairman Maney responded not at this time.

Superintendents update: Station 2 should go live soon. It is weather-tight and weather-proof, and we are excited to turn it on. The DEP has given us the green light with no need for further inspections.

The two meetings in February will touch upon the budget and volumetric rates. Raftelis will be at the 2nd meeting to see how existing rates performed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm for a brief executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Respectfully submitted,