



## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

# Cotuit Fire District

## Water Department

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11/23/2016

The monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at Freedom Hall at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ted Barnicle, Commissioner Don Campbell and Commissioner Vic Mastro were present as was Superintendent, Chris Wiseman.

Also in attendance was Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.; there was no public comment.

The 10/26/16 minutes were approved and the warrants were signed.

Mr. Kleekamp updated the board on the status of the ongoing projects with GHD. The new tank construction is complete, the first round of chlorination testing came back fine and VOC testing is pending and the USDA testing is complete. They have submitted for reimbursement with a total of \$2,123,274 in invoices paid for the tank and the land conservation expenses. The \$2M in expenditures will satisfy the funding portion and the USDA should be refunding the \$123,274 portion to the district. GHD has submitted a Design/Build contract for the SCADA/Security system upgrade that is part of the USDA funding to be reviewed by the board. And the location and status of the Cell Tower Project was discussed. Legal Council (Mark Boudreau) has been authorized to notify the carriers that the Main Street tank will be decommissioned and demolished. This notification is a follow up to the original communication sent last year.

Mr. Wiseman reviewed the water quality testing results for the month of October. All tests were within normal limits and there have been no total coliform issues. Chris will confirm the VOC results for the new tank and follow up with the state to ensure that no additional testing is required to put the tank online.

Monthly Pumpage Results is as follows:

|         | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>+/-</u> |
|---------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| October | 16,709,000  | 17,493,000  | +784,000   |

Superintendent Wiseman notified the board of an amendment to his September report. There was 1 service replacement and 4 new service installations in September. There was 1 replacement service and 1 new service in October.

The generator at station 5 is 99% complete pending inspection by FEMA/MEMA. All invoices have been submitted to the treasurer for payment and we will submit to FEMA/MEMA for reimbursement when copies of the checks are received.

Mr. Wiseman spoke with Phil Benjamin (forester), and the GIS review is complete. Based on their assessment they have requested that we add the 29-acre parcel behind the office to the stewardship request and request

an increase in the grant funding. The application was completed and submitted on November 22, 2016.

Field Operators J.R. Gallagher and Matt Dwyer both passed the T1 Exam. Mr. Wiseman informed the board of new education requirements for higher level exams which will require an increase in the budget for FY'18.

Mr. Wiseman also notified the board of his upcoming vacation dates (11/28-11/30 and 12/5-12/6 and 12/19-12/23).

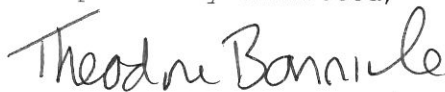
The commissioners discussed the rate survey and Mr. Wiseman updated him on his progress in acquiring the requested information from the treasurer. He also notified the board that Tata & Howard had discussed a proposal to complete a rate survey for the district at a cost of \$16,000 which the commissioners do not feel is necessary. Commissioner Barnicle will follow up with the Prudential Committee on some additional information for the next BOWC meeting, and Commissioner Campbell will try to reach a previous retirement board member for information on the cost of retirement benefits for the district.

The commissioners made and approved a motion to sign the Open Cape Contract for Fiber Optics.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Freedom Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore Barnicle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Theodore Barnicle, Chairman

Cc: Prudential Committee