

**MACKAYE HARBOR WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners for MacKaye Harbor Water District met in regular session on September 18 at the District's office. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Present were commissioner KC Jennings, manager Wayne Haefele and clerk Helen Cosgrove.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approval of August 7 Minutes

Olson moved, seconded by Jennings to approve the minutes from the August 7 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

Olson moved, seconded by Jennings to approve vouchers in the amount of \$2,745.56 and payroll in the amount of \$342.00. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Financial Report

Cosgrove distributed the general fund reports; there is \$35,100 in the fund. Have received 92% of budgeted amount and expended 45%.

D. Managers' Report

Haefele distributed a graph showing monthly water usage over 5 years; the spike in 2017 was in June rather than the normal August spike and water usage has increased over the period. Jennings asked if rentals would impact the usage.

Looked into the Reeve's being included in the boundaries of the District; reviewed previous e-mails and their concern was the amount of land they own and the impact on their bills if there were a capital improvement project and there was a special assessment or if the District decided to become a taxing district. If they are annexed into the District and then sold off any portion of their land, the District would be obligated to provide service to those parcels. If they remain contract customers, the property owner must get the water line to their place rather than the District having to bring water to them. It might be best to leave it as is. Jennings said there is another large parcel that has also been short platted. Olson asked why the assessment would be based on acreage rather than based on being hooked up. Haefele said if a tax was imposed to pay for an improvement, they would be impacted. Jennings said if their property is held by a corporation, they could not serve on the commission; Weedon expressed an interest in serving as a commissioner but couldn't because of that. Haefele noted that Reeves do own property on Bat 'n Ball Lane that is held fee simple which would allow them to serve as a commissioner.

Haefele said he has posted the minutes on the website, created a page for policies and another for the resolutions; asked if information be included on the website about planning, future needs. It was agreed to have that information added.

Olson asked if Haefele had contacted the attorney about the need for an archeologist observing site work where ground was being disturbed. Haefele had not done that yet; checked out the DAHP website to see if there was general information and it's not available to the public. Jennings said they keep it confidential so that people don't go to the sites looking for artifacts at the locations. Jennings said they had been doing archeological sampling on MacKaye Harbor Road because there was going to be boring done by OPALCO.

Haefele said a customer was late paying their bill; when paying they paid more than the amount due and asked to have the late fee forgiven. Cosgrove had replied to the customer advising them the late fee could not be waived. The customer then contacted Haefele and he explained to them that the board decides policy and it is their decision to make. After discussion, it was decided that the late fee would not be forgiven, don't want to set a precedent. Haefele to write a letter to the customer.

E. Commissioners Reports

Olson said he would be off island on the 16th of October and asked to change the meeting to either a later time or a later date. It was decided to have the meeting on the 17th.

Jennings said there should be water line locates as a result of the boring being done on MacKaye Harbor Road by OPALCO. Arnott needs to locate the lines and mark accordingly. Haefele to contact him and confirm.

F. Personal Appearances

None

G. Commissioners Additions to the Agenda

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Budget

Cosgrove distributed the 2018 budget, increased postage, electricity, insurance and maintenance from last year; still needs to determine beginning cash, will have a better idea what it will be by the November meeting.

Olson said that Anderson leaves for the winter, need to know when he is leaving and what kind of phone in arrangements can be made so that he can attend the meetings.

Olson said a presentation was made by the county planning department regarding growth, build out and sustainability. One of the items mentioned was how to meet water needs and the county's options included catchment, desalination or trucking it in; trucking is already being done in the county from Crow Valley to Deer Harbor. Haefele said that is local trucking, thought they were referring to bringing it in from off island. Olson said it wasn't specified whether it would be local only or not. Jennings said desalination was not good because it would be discharging warm and highly salinated water back into the sound. Olson said it creates a dead zone and substantially alters the ecosystem function; area must be well flushed in order not to create additional problems; an answer with no real plan. Jennings then brought up commercial rentals and their impact; visitors don't necessarily have an understanding of the need to conserve. Olson asked if the trend continues of vacationers using the system, should there be a surcharge for commercial use? Haefele said it would be legal because it is a different class. It was decided to look into the option of commercial rates and classifications. Discussion to be continued. Olson noted that he would like to have Arnott's test for sodium chloride at least 4 times a year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Commissioner

District Clerk