

**MACKAYE HARBOR WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
July 23, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners for MacKaye Harbor Water District met in regular session on July 23 at the MHWD office. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were commissioners Dean Anderson and KC Jennings, manager Wayne Haefele, clerk Helen Cosgrove and guest.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Approval of June 18 Minutes

Several meeting minutes were approved due to commissioners not being at all the meetings. Olson moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the April 16 meeting; Jennings moved, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the May 21 meeting; Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the June 18 meeting. All motions passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

Cosgrove distributed the claims payment request form. Received invoices from A & A Well Drilling and quarterly county billings.

Olson asked about the repair work that MHWD was billed for. Haefele said that the District had looked at having USIC do the locates and it would cost approximately \$3,000 a year compared to what it cost for Arnott to repair any damage; diligence of Arnott marking lines was iffy; spoke to Arnott about this, admitted he had not marked the line but had talked with Jeff King, who was the doing work for OPALCO, agreed that the line was in the same trench as the electrical; Arnott did not understand that if the line was marked than King would have responsibility for repairing the damage, if any occurred, the actual repair cost \$1,100; the question then becomes, would 3 such incidents occur in one year consistently; if contracting with USIC the cost would be \$3,000 a year regardless of whether there was damage or not, doesn't think that there would be 3 such incidents annually. Jennings said they were working in the right of way and when 811 was called and it's in the right of way, it's free and should be marked. Haefele said that when 811 was called, their task is to contact all the utilities but not to mark the lines, that's the responsibility of the utility.

The invoice is the responsibility of the District. Olson asked Haefele if he spoke to Arnott about marking lines. Haefele said he had and that Arnott was uncomfortable with marking the line if he wasn't sure where it was, but if you marked it where you think it is there is two feet on either side of the line leeway and if the contractor damages the line, it is then their responsibility.

Jennings said that the old records of the company should be looked at and they would show that the line was laid in the right of way; what he found was interesting was that it wasn't even close when potholing out there. Haeefe said that Arnott told him that the detector had followed the phone line assuming the electrical line was in the same trench.

Olson asked if Arnott was now going to mark the line when asked. Haeefe said he was not sure but in defense of Arnott, said that Arnott is very reliable and diligent in maintaining the system and responding to emergency calls.

Jennings said that it was interesting that a 2 ½" line and not a 4" line was broken, the main is a 4" line, so what does the broken section feed, need to determine that. Haeefe concurred. Jennings said it needs to be determined where it goes and maybe cap it off.

Olson said he strongly objects that instructions delivered to Arnott are not always being followed, not acceptable. Haeefe said he understands, that they are unwarranted but given the general run of ethics in the islands, MHWD has a star with Arnott; didn't say he wouldn't mark; this spurt of underground construction is a push by OPALCO and Rock Island; most future requests for marking lines will be with individual residences and not sections of the whole system. Jennings moved, seconded by Olson to approve vouchers in the amount of \$6,207.29 and payroll in the amount of \$228.00. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Financial Report

Cosgrove distributed the fund statement; sent out billings in the amount of \$31,041, have collected \$17,408; there is currently \$43,200 in the general fund of which \$30,000 is in the investment pool; have collected 86% of revenue and expended 31%.

D. Managers' Report

The response from Enduris was discussed; Enduris felt the lines were in bad condition, not sure of insuring the District. Should make statement to them, even though they are old they are not heavily used compared to some systems. Cosgrove said the quote from Enduris was a little over \$3,000 and Water Sewer Risk Management Pool was \$3,017. Islanders Insurance would switch from the current insurance provider to Glatfelter and the cost would be \$1,450 and included errors and omissions of commissioners. Glatfelter has a \$1,000,000 limit, WSRMP has \$10,000,000 and Enduris has \$20,000,000. Haeefe said he was surprised that Enduris thought the system was old considering the age of some of the other systems in the state. The information came from a San Juan County report that states the water main is in poor condition and a break occurred and shows how vulnerable it is since it is so close to the shoreline. Jennings said he wants to know where they got their information, that it's incorrect. Olson doesn't like this statement being out there and needs to be addressed. Jennings said he would prefer WSRMP because they serve water and sewer systems only.

Jennings asked about the testing and the levels of chloride and asked if data can be gotten from Aleck Bay water system on their test results. Their well is within 300–400 feet of MWHD wells. Haefele said that the data was available on the DOH website. Jennings also asked if how much water they were pumping was available versus what MHWD is pumping; who is creating a spike if there is one, Aleck Bay or MHWD? Haefele said he looked up chlorides back to 1980 something and there was no spike, results are fairly consistent.

E. Commissioners Reports.

Olson said he received a phone call regarding the fire suppression letter and the caller didn't see why a hydrant couldn't be put out in Salmon Point, had called the health department and they said there was no reason why a hydrant couldn't be put out there. Olson explained to the caller that there was concern expressed by the health department about cross connections.

F. Personal Appearances

It was suggested sending Arnott a letter thanking him for his quick response to emergencies and mention the marking of the lines when requested. It was agreed that the suggestion was a good idea.

Had read Olson letter, no date on it; asked about the Salmon Point owner who has water storage available for fire suppression and was there an agreement with the owner. Olson replied that the owner has an arrangement with the fire department. Is there some way to know how full the tank is and would the District know how much the fire department used. Jennings suggested that there was no reason to quibble over how much is used, it saves someone's house or the community; MWHD will replace it with no charge to the homeowner. Olson asked questioner if the concern was how much water was used. The reply was yes, to some degree.

Asked about Arnott knocking on doors to advise homeowner their meter was being replaced; could cause some embarrassment if unexpected. Haefele said he would advise Arnott to call the homeowner a day in advance or so and let them know that he would be changing out the meter.

G. Commissioners Additions to the Agenda

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Insurance Update

Discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jennings moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioner

District Clerk