

**MACKAYE HARBOR WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
January 18, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Commissioners for MacKaye Harbor Water District met on January 8 via zoom. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Present were commissioners KC Jennings and Dean Anderson, manager Wayne Haefele, clerk Helen Cosgrove and guests Linda Noreen and June Arnold.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Jennings moved, seconded by Anderson to approve Olson as chair. Jennings and Anderson voted yes. Olson abstained.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of December 21 minutes**

Olson moved, seconded by Jennings to approve the minutes of the December 21 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll**

Cosgrove distributed the claims payment request forms; additional expenses included the annual Public Utility Tax. Anderson moved, seconded by Jennings to approve payment from the general fund payroll in the amount of \$384.00. Jennings moved, seconded by Anderson to approve payment from the general fund vouchers in the amount of \$2,085.23 and \$3,109.27. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Financial Report**

Cosgrove distributed the general fund report; have collected \$10,300 of the \$31,300 billed; \$26,000 in fund, \$20,000 in the investment pool; actual ending cash for 2020 \$26,250, had estimated the 2021 beginning cash would be \$35,000, low by \$8,750. Jennings asked about the tax paid. Cosgrove explained that it is a public utility tax paid annually to the state. Olson asked why standby revenue went down. Cosgrove said she may have accidentally coded to the wrong account. Olson asked about several other items on the financial report.

**D. Manager's Report**

Haefele reported on the power outage and the outcome was okay but would be better off with new generators; battery was low on generator, Arnott showed up with charger on his vehicle and were able to get it started. Had some issues with the generator; really needs to be replaced. Olson thankful for expedited work on keeping the water flowing; had no interruption. Jennings said there was no air in the line either. Anderson asked about the new generators - identified what to purchase, are monies available. Jennings said the generators would have to be financed with a loan.

The submittal of the SWSMP to the Dept of Health has all the questions answered but needs a decision by the commissioners. The commissioners have a choice to make and then to vote on what is the service area of the District. The service area can be different from the boundaries. Haefele recommended that the service area be confined to the existing District boundaries; can get bigger but cannot reverse back to smaller. After discussion, Jennings moved, seconded by Anderson to limit the service area to the current boundaries of the District. The motion passed unanimously. Haefele will make changes to the map to reflect this vote and send to DOH; needs to send draft to county for their approval as to consistency with the county's plans. Once SWSMP is approved, then can move forward with approval of Agate Beach Lane work and the District's constructions standards.

June Arnold, from the Agate Beach Maintenance Association, had some questions about the work that will be done on Agate Beach Lane: process, construction time line, assessments. Haefele said that the District is still working with the regulatory agencies; plans need to be approved by the DOH first before projects will be reviewed; grants or loans will need to be secured before construction begins, fall would be the earliest the projects would be started. Are working with OPALCO, open cut from MacKaye Harbor Road to Agate Beach Lane, then directional drilling along the lane to the park. Arnold asked if there will be an assessment for the lane residents or will the costs be borne by the entire system. Haefele replied that the whole system will bear the costs of that improvement along with other projects the District wants to undertake; will prepare an easement once the plans are approved by DOH and will have the Association review it. Olson informed Arnold that the District will keep her updated on the progress of the project.

Haefele said he had been contacted by Shannon Wilbur regarding construction standards for the District; sent her the draft standards that are currently being reviewed by but haven't been approved by DOH.

E. Commissioners Reports

None

F. Public Comment

Noreen asked Haefele about conversation with Wilbur; roads will connect thru the park and it will be a public road and not a private lane? Haefele said there will be a road behind the park and rejoin MacKaye Harbor Road where county road ends; will send preliminary county plans to Noreen.

G. Commissioners Additions to the Agenda

Olson asked to add Salmon Point Beach restoration water needs to unfinished business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Lopez Rocks Membership

Olson explained that Lopez Rocks asked for support, for either a \$10 membership or \$100. Anderson asked if some other amount could be paid. After discussion, Olson moved, seconded by Jennings, to become members of Lopez Rocks for \$10 per year. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Discussion About Water Use Fees for Salmon Point**

Olson said he had spoken to Huck, the installer of the trees, who estimated that it might be approximately 5,000 – 10,000 gallons per year, watering from late spring to early fall; one year’s water use is paid for by the grant then the Salmon Point community will pay for the water for subsequent years. Jennings said he didn’t want to set a precedent; concerned that others may want the same service; concerned about potential cross contamination. Cosgrove suggested that the annual fee be pro-rated for the months that water is being used plus the gallonage usage fee. Haeferle said that the chances of others requesting water use in this manner is small; it is a community project that could be the distinction, not for the benefit of an individual. Olson moved, seconded by Anderson to assess the fees as suggested by Cosgrove for as long as water is needed to keep the trees alive. Olson and Anderson voted yes; Jennings abstained. Olson to prepare a letter to Friends of the San Juans for the current year and then to the Salmon Point Community Association for subsequent years explaining the fees to be assessed for water consumption.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Revision to Contract with District Clerk**

Olson said this is a modification of the existing contract and moved to accept the revised contract. Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Commissioner – San Olson

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District Clerk – Helen Cosgrove