

# ***Dighton Water District***

192 Williams St.  
No. Dighton, Ma 02764

Paul Joly  
Patrick Menges  
Sue Medeiros

COMMISSIONERS

*Card A. Stevens*  
TREASURER

September 13, 2011

Chairman of the Board, Paul Joly called the meeting to order.

Present: Paul Joly, Patrick Menges and Sue Medeiros.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Patrick Menges as Clerk of the Board VOTED; To consider adjournment at 9:30, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Attorney, Robert Fredericks was present to discuss Williams St. Land Purchase and Other Legal Matters, Land Purchase Grant, Advertisement of Sale of Somerset Avenue Property, etc...

Written Purchase and Sales for discussion and approval will be present at the next Board meeting.

Antone P. Roderick, Sr. was present to go over the Status of a Hydrant on Tony's Way; Patrick Menges mentioned he would not be participating in the matter. Sue Medeiros Voted; Motion to allow Mr. Roderick to keep they hydrant where it is and he will get back to this Board on the funding for the main tap and going forward as you sell your lots, seconded, Paul Joly, the two were in favor.

Chris Killenberg and Kent Trowbridge regarding the Solbridge Solar Energy Project near the Williams Street tank were not in attendance. Patrick Menges VOTED; Mr. Chairman, I move at the request of Chris Killenberg and Kent Trowbridge, that their meeting with the Board concerning Solbridge Solar Energy Project which had been scheduled for this evening, now be postponed, until the project proponents' pleasure be known, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Karen O'Connor was in attendance for Dighton.com. Karen O'Connor was given the assurance items would be posted on the website. The Board thanked Karen O'Connor for going above and beyond in helping the Dighton Water District.

Mark Owen and Stephen DeFrancesco were in attendance to give an update on the well source development and an amendment was given to the Board for evaluation. Patrick Menges VOTED; Give the Treasurer time to confirm the balance in the account, and that with the Treasurers confirmation that we are within the balance of the well field development appropriation of \$250,000 made in May the amendment be approved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings; Patrick Menges Voted; I move that the minutes of the Board' August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as prepared for our approval by the District Clerk be amended, by striking from page two the paragraph headed, "Financial-Status of Audit (update) (and Posting of Monthly Financial Statements on District web site; ", and substituting therefore the following:

"Financial-Status of Audit (update) (and Posting of Monthly Financial Statements on District web site: AGREED BY CONSENSUS, not to publicly post web site the condition statement or bank balances of the District until completed by our current Auditor. VOTED on a motion of Commissioner, Menges, that the lines of the operating budget showing the balances unexpended, be publicly posted monthly on the District web site."

I realize that this minute may not be an accurate transcription, word for word, of the tape recorded proceedings, but it more accurately

documents the intention and action of the Board than the presented text which seems to suggest that we voted to suspend posting the budget balances, which was certainly not the case, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor. Patrick Menges mentioned because the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was recorded by Assistant Clerk Tina Bragga, he believed that her name should appear as having been present and her signature be affixed as preparer or recorder of record. Patrick Menges, VOTE; Motion August 9<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved as amended, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Patrick Menges VOTED; Motion to approve the May 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Approve Warrants; Patrick Menges VOTED; For the record I make a motion that the warrants be approved, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Approve Paperwork to be sent to D.O.R./ Tina/District Accountant; Patrick Menges VOTED; I move that Tina Bragga be appointed District Accountant, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Sue Medeiros VOTED; I make a motion to authorize Carol and Tina to sign off on the year end forms and paperwork to send to Bureau of Accounts and Department of Revenue, seconded, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Sue Medeiros VOTED; I make a motion to send Carol and Tina to the Law Seminar on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Correspondence; Seekonk Water District Superintendent, Bernardo; Patrick Menges replied, “ The Board has received from Rob Bernardo of the Seekonk Water District the Seekonk Water District’s Charges and Fees Schedule as requested by myself for comparative use in our long term revenue planning. The schedule was faxed to District Headquarters on 8 September with this note: “Mr. Menges, as discussed, I have sent you our current fee schedule and connection charges. Please call w/any questions.” I requested Seekonk’s information in particular because of Seekonk’s recent instructive

experience transitioning the Seekonk District's operations from tax based revenue to rates and fees. We will be responding with a thank you note. Paul Joly VOTED; Motion to send Mark Owen a copy when he is doing the rate study, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

E-Mails Concerning Brown Water etc... and; Patrick Menges replied, "Mr. Chairman, the Board is in receipt of a number of e-mails concerning our recent bout with discolored water. These e-mails were referred to District personnel handling the situation complained of. Some of the e-mails need not be aired orally at a formal meeting, but I shall move that they be included upon the public record and that the minutes record that we have received and considered them.

Commissioner's Responses; I have also for the record my individual response to an e-mail received from Mr. Glenn Jefferson on 7 September with the proviso that it was sent to convey only my view of his concerns and not the views of the entire Board. The substance of Mr. Jefferson's e-mail can be gleaned from the response. I shall ask that these be included upon the public record. Sue Medeiros mentioned she also responded as a Commissioner. Paul Joly mentioned he also had a few too.

Land Purchase Grant Correspondences; Patrick Menges replied, "Mr. Chairman let the record reflect that the Board has received from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs the instructions and application forms for a state grant that would partially fund the District's purchase of land on Williams Street as voted by the Annual District Meeting." Paul Joly VOTED; Send notification we are in the process of putting together the grant, so moved, Patrick Menges, all were in favor.

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Street Petitions; Patrick Menges replied, "Mr. Chairman on 6 September the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners sent the following e-mail to the Public Records Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. (Text of e-mail) From: Patrick W. Menges, Commissioner of the Dighton Water District, To: Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office Public

Records Division, Re: Streets Accepted into the Dighton Water District, 1950 to present;

To Whom it may concern:

Does the Public Records Division have any records of petitions for acceptance of new streets into the Dighton Water District, 1950 to present, under Section 13 of Chapter 359 of the Acts of 1950? Rather than petitions, these may appear in your records as the District Clerk's certification of Dighton Water District meeting votes accepting the petitions.

The law requires that the votes be certified to you within ten days of acceptance of the petitions.

If you do have any such records, would you please e-mail a list, including year, Street Name, date of petition and date of receipt at your office to me, Patrick W. Menges, Clerk of the Board of Water Commissioners of the Dighton Water District. Provided also was Patrick Menges e-mail address and phone number. The correspondence has been referred to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's General Counsel and the Secretary has until 16 September to respond; as of today we are still awaiting a response.

## REPORTS AND ACTION ON REPORTS

Superintendent's Report;

Trailer and Truck Bid Awarding; Patrick Menges VOTED; Move to accept the refusal of the low bidder to participate in the transaction and that we award the contract to Paul Masse, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Late Payments/Shut Off Proceedings; Patrick Menges VOTED; Follow procedure, apply without exception everyone equally, it will not be varied for individuals on an individual basis, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Office Safety; Superintendent forward information when received to the Board.

AT & T Work At The Elm St. Tank; Patrick Menges VOTED; Move that the permission sought in the September 12<sup>th</sup> letter by new Cingular Wireless PCS be granted, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Service on Williams St.; Patrick Menges mentioned the Board would like a writing or plan both owners agreed to and signed off on.

Garage Door at the Cedar Corrosion Building; Superintendent to get quotes for overhead doors.

Money for Projects; Main Street closed starting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pipe For Main Street Bridge Crossing; Patrick Menges VOTED; I make a motion that the Superintendent be authorized to charge the culvert re-design and the main street bridge work to the system maintenance account in the amount of \$35,000, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Pipeline For Old Office on RT 138; Patrick Menges VOTED; I make a motion to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation concerning a utility easement in the deed and proceed as the Board has outlined in its previous votes concerning that pipeline at the Somerset Avenue property that's being sold. Superintendent to get a quote on hooking the property to Town sewerage.

Patrick Menges VOTED; Mr. Chairman we had a vote to consider adjournment at 9:30 and I move that we continue. Sue Medeiros, amend the motion we consider adjournment after the Superintendent has finished his report, seconded, Paul Joly, all were in favor.

Lagoons Cleaned; Update on the lagoon cleaning.

National Grid VFD Motors; Proposal was reviewed. Representative from National Grid to be present at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Finance Committee also scheduled to attend that night. Meeting scheduled for 7, time will be under future review. Copies of proposal will be given to the Board and the Finance Committee for review.

North Dighton Fire Hydrant Forest Street; Letter read and reviewed.  
Patrick Menges VOTED; Amend the agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> and the Board will  
vote on it. Sue Medeiros agreed to amend the agenda.

Fall Flushing Program; Two shifts 6A.M. – 2 P.M. second shift 2P.M. –  
10:00 P.M. two to three guys.

Training Classes; Capital Improvement Management Plans, October 5,  
2011 Mashpee 8 A.M. – 12 Noon. Charles Cestodio and Patrick Menges to  
attend. Charles Cestodio to attend Distribution System Hydrant Main  
Flushing in Hydraulics, Grafton, MA

Boiler Circulator Pump; Superintendent to get quotes to have pumps  
rebuilt.

Patrick Menges VOTED; Mr. Chairman, I move that the Superintendent's  
report be accepted as read/printed, and that the Superintendent be thanked  
by the Board for loaning his daughter's Girl Scout Troop American Flag  
for use at tonight's meeting and that he be instructed to continue to  
function as outlined, seconded, Sue Medeiros, all were in favor.

Paul Joly VOTED to adjourn at 10:16 P.M., seconded Sue Medeiros  
continue meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>, and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Stevens  
District Clerk

Those in Attendance:

Paul Joly  
Patrick Menges  
Sue Medeiros

Charles Cestodio

Carol A. Stevens

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