

Board of Trustees

Dighton Water District Water Resources Trust

Thursday, 21 November 2013 9:00 am

Water District Headquarters

Chairman Patrick Menges convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dighton Water District Water Resources Exploration, Acquisitions, and Development Trust, at 9:15 A.M., on Thursday, 21 November 2013, in the conference room of Water District Headquarters. Present were Trustees Bethany Collins and Mr. Menges, absent due to a work conflict was Trustee Mr. Edward Swartz.

All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

During the reading of correspondence the chairman reported an E-mail from Heidi Swist, Town Planning Board Director, in which Master Planner Ralph Wilmer suggested that the Trustees could meet with him on 2,5, 9,10,or 12 of December, in the morning, and on the 2nd and 9th after 2:00 pm or any time on the 10th and 12th. The board directed the chairman to tell Heidi to communicate to Mr. Wilmer our decision to meet with him on the 9th of December at 9:00 am at the water Districts Headquarters.

The Financial Condition of the Trust, the chairman reported, remains unchanged since our last meeting, with an unfunded budget of \$5,000 but with Bay Coast and Mechanics Cooperative Banks willing to entertain solicitations to fund it when the Trust has its federal tax exempt status. The chairman stated that on 7 November the special meeting of the Water District had voted to transfer \$850 to fund the Trust's tax exempt status application fee, and that District Accountant Titania Bragga is waiting for attorney Robert Fredrick's to tell her to whom (attorney/IRS) to make out the District's check for the fee. The chairman recommended that the District be sent a thank you note for its appropriation.

The Trustees agreed that the new business item "Organizational Legalities/Status of Tax Exemption Application" had been adequate by discussed as past financial Condition.

Trustee Swartz was not present to report today upon his approach to Gilbert Lopes concerning the Wellington Acres, LLC, pond Old Wellington Street, Mr. Menges noted that two plans must be put forward by developers indicating that all of the ponds immediate will soon host residential development from Old Wellington Street to Cedar Street. The need for the Trust to secure a donation of the pond for a public source is urgent. Trustee Bethany Collins recommended that trustee Swartz be so informed, and it was agreed.

The Trustees agreed to postpone until Spring a field visit to the former Zeneca, Inc. wells off main and elm streets and the former Muddy Cove Pond dam site on the west side of Elm Street.

The chairman said that he would ask legal counsel if the owner of Williams Street land valued at \$600,000 would charge the Water District \$200,000 and for its donation \$400,000 of the value would go directly towards a tax deduction, if the trust is to acquire two-thirds donative interest because of the language of chapter 108 of the acts of 2012.

The trustees agreed to meet with Ralph Willmer of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc preparers of Dighton's' forthcoming master plan, to give him the Trust's input concerning future public resources, at a special meeting on Monday, 9 December 2013, at 9:00am at Water District Headquarters (192 Williams Street). The Chairman will notify the planning board director Heidi Swist, to so inform Mr. Willmer.

Under announcements, it was announced that the next regular meeting of the water Resources board of trustees will be on Thursday, 19 December 2013 at 9:00 am.

Trustee Collins volunteered to draft "thank you" notes to the Dighton Water District for its generous transfer of \$850 for the Trusts tax exemption application fee, and to Attorney Robert Fredrick's for his donation of his professional time and efforts during the Trust's inception period.

There was no public input, and the Board Of Trustees voted to adjourn without day, at 9:52 am.

Patrick W. Menges

Chairmen and Acting

Clerk of the Water

Resource Trustees
