

Dighton Water District

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Board of Trustees
Dighton Water District Water Resources
Exploration, Acquisition, and Development Trust
District Headquarters, 9:00 A.M.
Thursday, 18 July 2013

The board of trustees of the Dighton Water District's Water Resources Exploration, Acquisition, and Development Trust met at District Headquarters at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, 18 July 2013. Present were Trustees' Chairman Patrick Menges and Trustee Bethany Collins, and Attorney Robert Fredericks. Absent was Trustee Edward Swartz.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Attorney Fredericks reported that he was waiting from the Internal Revenue Service attorney with whom he consults, the results of her review of the Trust's proposed articles of organization and by-laws. He said that he will bring them for the board of trustees' approval, to the next meeting.

Without objection the verbal notes of the trustees' 13 June meeting read by the chair were approved to suffice as minutes pending typing in final form for approval at the August Meeting.

The financial conditions of the Trust, the chairman stated, amounted to a looming \$850.00 charge for filing with the Internal Revenue Service, of an application for federal tax exempt status.

Mr. Swartz being absent, a report on his overtures to Gilbert Lopes concerning possible donation to the trust of the Wellington Acres, LLC Pond, was postponed to the August meeting.

Mr. Menges stated that at a recent meeting at Bristol County Agricultural High School he had been shown a 1962 Order of Taking recorded in the Bristol County Northern Registry of

Deeds at Book 409 Page 1114, condemning (by eminent domain under Chapter 359, Acts of 1950) the riparian rights of the Dighton landowners along the Segreganset River, for the Dighton Water District. Attorney Robert Fredericks took the information and stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Menges reported that the Town of Dighton Planning Board (and its contractor) have begun work on the town's master plan. As SRPEDD's Priority Protection Areas map shows water resources that the Trust has identified as resource acquisition targets, it will be important for the Trust to review each chapter of the developing Master Plan as it is posted online, and to attend the two public hearings that will be parts of the Master Plan process, to ensure that the final master plan identifies these resources for protection.

Mr. Menges said that he will meet with Donald French for information on former Zeneca potable water wells south of the Dighton Public Library, on Wednesday, 31 July.

It was announced that Trustee Swartz was appointed to a new three year term as the selectmen's representative on the board of trustees, effective 18 July (The Trustees must reorganize at the August meeting.)

On a motion of Trustee Collins, the board voted to meet, with Attorney Fredericks's in attendance, on 15 August 2013, at 9:00 A.M.

On a Motion of Mrs. Collins, the board adjourned, at 9:30 A.M.

Patrick W. Menges
Chairman
Acting Clerk for the Day
Trustees, Dighton Water District Water Resource Trust
