



Rye Water District
Commission Minutes
April 15, 2026 @ 8:30 a.m.
Work Session

1. Call to Order

Attendees: Chair Scott Marion, Vice Chair Tom Mack (remote via Teams), Commissioner Danna Truslow, Administrator Brian Goetz, Business Manager Dyana Ledger

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for Annual Meeting

Commissioner Truslow motioned to approve the minutes of the annual meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Mack. All in favor.

3. Billing System Upgrade and Outreach

Administrator Goetz provided an update of the billing system transition with gWorks. We are currently working on getting our meter reads into their system. The database must be uploaded and configured to work with their billing. This has run into a few issues that continue to be worked on by their tech support. Once we get through the uploading then we will continue to work with their support to get the bills finalized and printed.

4. Website Updates

Administrator Goetz has been working with district staff to update the district's website. The site is hosted by RuralWaterImpact.com and utilizes their template. The commissioners spent time reviewing the website with Administrator Goetz and provided additional suggestions for future changes.

5. Rye Master Plan Meeting – April 29 – 9:00 to 11:00 – Rye Public Library

Administrator Goetz will attend this meeting.

6. Central Treatment Project

a. Site Visits on April 9, 2026

Administrator Goetz and Superintendent Jones went to Littleton and Dracut's drinking water systems to view their new biological iron/manganese treatment systems along with our design engineers from Underwood. Administrator Goetz showed photos and videos from these tours. Aside from the overall setup of these facilities, there were a lot of

questions posed about overall operations and staffing needs for each district. Finally, a schematic of the Littleton system showed how the setup of a system that has both PFAS treatment via granular activated carbon (GAC) and biological treatment for iron/manganese looks like. The biological system is much more complex, needing more filters, valves, piping, pumps and a clearwell for treatment versus just filters for the PFAS treatment.

- b. Underwood Engineering
 - i. Final Treatment Facility Design
 - ii. Operations Center Design
 - iii. Iron-Manganese Pilot

Administrator Goetz went over the current path forward: to move into final treatment design with Underwood, a separate design of the Operations Center, set to go out to bid by the end of summer, and continued work to assess treatment options for iron and manganese. It is recommended that we proceed with the piloting of the biological treatment system piloting for the iron and manganese. The district may still be able to blend the Garland treated water with the bedrock well water. It's a matter of mass balance when these two sources are blended, which they are today. All this information will allow for an assessment of updated costs for the combined system by the time bidding happens in 2027. Administrator Goetz provided the scope of work from Underwood that includes iron/manganese treatment piloting and will take the district up to through the bidding.

- c. Garland Backup Well
 - i. Update on work plan
 - ii. Well drilling contract

Administrator Goetz went over the proposal from Weston & Sampson to drill the Garland backup well. The drilling will occur this summer. Administrator Goetz noted that NHDES will need to approve this well and it will involve a pump test, observation of the monitoring wells and water quality sampling.

7. Aquarion Interconnection

Still working with Aquarion on the draft interconnection agreement.

8. Administrator's Schedule

- a. April 22nd PFAS Discussion w/Stefany Shaheen (Great Bay Com College)

All agreed that attendance at this meeting is not necessary.

- b. Out April 23 to 28

- c. AWWA Infrastructure Conference and Rate-Setting Seminar

- i. Aug 31 to Sept 2 – Indianapolis

9. Other business.

Commissioner Mack has access to the Coakley hydrogeological flow model, which will be useful for the West Road well project analysis.

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Truslow at 10:24 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Mack. All in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 6, 2026 (8:00 am start time)
- May 20, 2026 (work session)
- May 27, 2026 (work session – 1:00 pm)
- June 7, 2026
- June 19, 2026
- July 1, 2026