

# RWD Commission Meeting – Work Session

## Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026, 08:02AM

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chair Marion. Attendees for the District were:

Tom Mack, Vice Chair  
Scott Marion, Chair, remote  
Brian Goetz, Administrator  
Arik Jones, Superintendent  
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager

### Business Manager's Update

Financials for first three months were distributed. Year has just begun, so a lot of accounts still have most of their budget dollars in them. This will change as the district starts spending on some of those lines.

### Superintendent's Update

- a. System pumpage and water quality – very similar to 2025 pumpage.
- b. Flushing – flushing is complete.
- c. Other Projects – Will work on Portsmouth interconnection pumps in the near future.

### Right to Know Request

Administrator Goetz noted that Joe Cummins put in a Right-to-Know request for information about the rate study. He will respond with the information.

### Administrator's Update

- d. Billing System Upgrade and Outreach – Still transitioning and learning the system. A lot to still work out with gWorks, but progressing.
- e. Rye Master Plan Meeting – April 29 – Administrator Goetz attended the meeting and will continue to represent the district in future meetings.
- f. Precipitation and Groundwater Levels – Seacoast Drinking Water Commission Outreach – Working on providing a drought update as part of the next meeting on May 15, 2026.
- g. Central Treatment Project – Progressing.
- h. Garland Backup Well - Progressing.
- i. Cedar Run Well – On hold until iron/manganese treatment piloting, where we will try to run the well at a lower rate to see if water quality improves.
- j. West Road Well Permitting - Awaiting draft permit submittal from Wright-Pierce to review internally.

- k. Capital Reserve Funds – Will bring forward requests for vote to utilize reserve funds for vehicle replacement and work on Washington Road Tank #1 site rehabilitation.
- l. Tank Inspections – Haley Ward consultant performed a site visit to look at our tank conditions and past reports. They will be giving us recommendations for future work on the tanks.

**Irrigation schedule exemption request – Philbrick’s By the Sea –**

Commissioners want to continue to hold firm on irrigation schedule. District can work with Philbrick’s if they want to split their zones into two days, since they have such a large property to irrigate. The intent would be to still water each zone every-other day.

**Aquarion Interconnection Agreement –**

Draft agreement with our comments is with Aquarion.

**Portsmouth wholesale water rates – 53% increase, effective July 1, 2026 –**

No official word or anything in writing from Portsmouth yet, but this was what was presented to their City Council.

**Portsmouth request for additional water on Breakfast Hill in Greenland –**

Commissioners reviewed the latest request. Administrator Goetz mentioned that if they need additional water, then perhaps it could come from their system and be “wheeled” through the Rye Water District’s system. This would not add any burden to Rye customers. The commissioners agreed that this is worth exploring. Administrator Goetz said that it would be wise for Portsmouth to engage the services of an engineer to look into the water quality and pumping capabilities of such an arrangement. He will communicate this to Portsmouth officials.

**Other business**

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 20, 2026 - 8:30 am
- May 27, 2026 – 1:00 pm
- June 5, 2026 - 8:30 am
- June 19, 2026 – 8:30 am
- July 1, 2026 – 8:30 am