

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

Commissioners Present:

**Ralph Hickson, Chair
Scott Marion
Rosalie Lopresto**

Others Present:

**Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**

I. Call to Order

Chair Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Business:

- a. PUBLIC HEARING – STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT** – The purpose of the hearing is to consider acceptance and expenditure of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funds from NH DES for a Strategic Planning Grant for the preliminary design of a high-pressured interconnection water main to increase resiliency and redundancy for the Rye Water District water system.

At 9:04 a.m., Chair Hickson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, as there were no members from the public, Chair Hickson closed the public hearing at 9:05 a.m.

Motion by Scott Marion to accept and expend the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Strategic Planning Grant for the preliminary design of a high-pressured interconnection water main to increase resiliency and redundancy for the Rye Water District water system. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Vote: 3-0 All in favor

- b. PUBLIC HEARING – STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT** – The purpose of the hearing is to consider acceptance and expenditure of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funds from NH DES for a Strategic Planning Grant to develop a preliminary design for a new water treatment facility.

At 9:06 a.m., Chair Hickson opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, as there were no members from the public, Chair Hickson closed the public hearing at 9:07 a.m.

Motion by Scott Marion to accept and expend the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Strategic Planning Grant to develop a preliminary design for a new water treatment facility. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Vote: 3-0 All in favor

c. Substance Abuse Policy for Employees

The Commissioners received the policy drafted by Attorney Josh Scott and reviewed some of their comments made to the document. It was agreed to send the comments back to Attorney Scott and have him respond to the Commissioners' comments.

d. Municipal Resources, Inc. Agreement for Administrative Services

Motion by Scott Marion to enter into an agreement for three months services with Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) for 2024 and to authorize the chair to sign. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Vote: 3-0 All in favor

III. Budget Work Session

a. 2024 proposed budget

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget for 2024. They also reviewed anticipated engineering expenses for next year's projects.

b. Encumbrances

- Source Investigation: Wright-Pierce - \$51,198 (from 2022 encumbered funds)
- Bailey & Cedar Well: Ewing Electrical - \$125,850

Motion by Scott Marion to encumber \$51,198 from 2022 encumbered funds for the source investigation capital project. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Vote: 3-0 All in favor

Motion by Scott Marion to encumber \$125,850 for work associated with the Bailey and Cedar Well project. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Vote: 3-0 All in favor

Motion by Scott Marion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F Ledger