



RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road

Commission Present: *Scott Marion, Rosalie Lopresto, and Tom Mack*

Others Present on behalf of the District: *District Administrator Brian Goetz, Business Manager Dyana Ledger, and Superintendent Arik Jones*

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

II. Rye Energy Committee re: Community Power

Howard Kalet, Rye Energy Committee, met with the Commissioners to present the District the opportunity to subscribe to a Group Net Metering (GNM) project hosted through a solar array being developed by Encore Renewable Energy and managed by Poverty Plains Group Net Metering. Subscribers to the group must be governmental accounts within the Eversource utility territory. Three of the District's metered complexes qualify for net metering based on the amount of energy consumed. Community Power Coalition of NH is serving as the group administrator. Hosts receive net metering credit from the utility for generated energy provided that the total load of subscribers matches the generation. Subscribers receive a portion (12.5%) of the net metering credit in exchange for pledging their load. There is no cost to the District to become a subscriber.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to move forward with becoming a subscriber.

Motion by Tom Mack to authorize Chair Scott Marion to sign the Poverty Plains Group Net Metering Membership Agreement on behalf of the Rye Water District. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

III. Underwood Engineers re: Rate Study Capabilities

Keith Pratt and Meagan McCowan, Underwood Engineering, met with the commission to speak about their water rate experience. They have considerable experience working with communities in New Hampshire, including working with the Merrimack Village District for the last twenty years. Merrimack is like Rye because they are also a district and have recently gone through major treatment system upgrades to treat PFAS.

After discussion, the commission agreed to have Underwood work with District Administrator Goetz to develop a work scope with the intent of having rates updated by the end of 2025.

IV. LSLI Grant – set public hearing for next commission meeting

A public hearing has been noticed for the July 2nd commission meeting for the acceptance and expenditure of an LSLI Grant from NH DES in the amount of \$60,000 for water service line inventory activities.

V. Grove Road Landfill permit review

The commissioners reviewed a draft letter to the NHDES with district comments regarding the recently issued five-year permit for the Grove Road Landfill. Final edits were suggested, and the letter will be sent out by Administrator Goetz on behalf of the commissioners.

VI. Administrator Update:

- a.** AWWA Conference review – very good conference. Many sessions on PFAS, as well as many vendors related to PFAS treatment. Administrator Goetz also attended sessions focused on water efficiency and moderated a water loss control session with three speakers.
- b.** Weather and source of supply status – No more drought
- c.** Borehole geophysics – work was completed recently and a meeting is set to review the results of the geophysics, performed on the West Road test well and the Cedar Run well.
- d.** Discussion w/NHDES regarding groundwater options – Administrator Goetz reported that he had a good meeting with NHDES regarding the district's intended work to improve water quality and sustainability of existing water resources.
- e.** Operating posting and response to date – new position has been posted. Three responses so far.
- f.** 2nd quarter billing
- g.** 3rd quarter billing – Administrator Goetz will work with staff to develop outreach materials for customers to update them on water system upgrades, rate increase, and the new billing system rollout

VII. Superintendent Update

Water system data for the month of May was presented. Acorn Acres work to replace old cast iron water main is in-progress. Piloting and new operations office setup projects are continuing.

VIII. Business Manager Update

Business Manager Dyana Ledger emailed year-to-date financial expenditure reports to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions or concerns noted at the monthly meeting.

IX. Other Business

- a. Approval of Minutes**
 - 5/14/25 – Public & Non-Public

Motion by Tom Mack to accept the minutes of May 14, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Motion by Tom Mack to accept the non-public minutes of May 14, 2025, per RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal, as presented. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Motion by Tom Mack to accept the non-public minutes of May 14, 2025, per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel, as presented. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

- 5/28/25 – Public & Non-Public

Motion by Tom Mack to accept the minutes of May 28, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to accept the non-public minutes of May 28, 2025, per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel, as presented. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

X. Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

At 10:50 a.m., Tom Mack made a motion to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.

Roll Call: Rosalie Lopresto – Aye; Tom Mack – Aye; Scott Marion – Aye

The Commission came out of non-public session at 11:15 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dyana F Ledger