



**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road

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

Others Present: *District Administrator Brian Goetz, and Superintendent Arik Jones*

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

II. Non-Public Session (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

At 8:33 a.m., Rosalie Lopresto moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Tom Mack.

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

The Commission came out of non-public session at 8:58 a.m.

III. Approval of Minutes: 7/02/25 – 7/23/25

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the minutes of July 2nd and July 23rd. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

IV. Administrator Update

a. Weather and Supply Status

Continued hot and dry conditions. Only 2.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June. May need to implement water restrictions if conditions do not change.

b. Cedar Run well work update

Two scopes of work and bids were submitted to Wright-Pierce for the installation of a well seal. Weston & Sampson CMR was selected to do the work because their scope included using an 8-inch pipe instead of the other firm's bid with a 6-inch pipe. The larger pipe will enable more ability to keep pumping the well close to its initial flow rate. Commissioners directed Administrator Goetz to proceed with contracting the work with Weston & Sampson.

c. West Road well update

Wright-Pierce, the district's hydrogeologic consultant, is working on next phase of analysis which includes more geophysical surveys of the area around the well to better understand the surrounding recharge of the well for use in submitting to NHDES for a permit. Field work will be performed in early August and will dictate the next phase of work for the well permitting. This is a long and detailed effort, but the district anticipates being able to move forward with pump testing, water quality monitoring and other assessments later in 2025 or early 2026.

d. Treatment design update

Preliminary design with Underwood Engineers continues. Additional source water quality analysis is underway to better determine additional water quality parameters from the Garland and Bailey wells that will better characterize water quality for treatment vendors to analyze.

e. Rate study update

Administrator Goetz and Business Manager Ledger met with Underwood Engineers to determine their data needs for this study. Currently, there are no deliverables, but it's anticipated that there will be some draft analysis by mid-to-late August.

f. State PFAS update – private well occurrence data

Administrator Goetz updated the commissioners on recent data from the State Drinking Water Bureau stating that there are currently 100 public drinking water systems affected by the State's PFAS regulations. Their information notes that with the new EPA limits, set to go into effect in 2031, there will be 200 more systems effected. Their data also shows that over 8,000 private wells will be affected.

g. National Conference of State Legislatures Summit in Boston on August 6th – PFAS Session

Administrator Goetz will be speaking on a panel at this conference entitled "The PFAS Puzzle, Putting the Pieces Together." His focus will be on how public drinking water systems respond to PFAS contamination.

V. Superintendent Update

a. Operations

The pumping totals for July 2025 are similar to the total for July 2024. Rain for the month was also about the same as last year. The booster station output has been modified to offset heavy use periods.

Lead and copper samples for third quarter have been started and should be completed by early September.

b. Projects

Work continues with Vertical Bridge, Verizon's tower sites property management company, to install a collector at the Port Way cell tower site. Once the collector is in place, RWD will have full coverage of the system. The meters in the district that are fixed network capable will be added to the network.

USG will start service on Tank 1 on September 9th for the exterior coating and other maintenance. Plans are being made for isolating and draining that tank while utilizing the water from Tank 1 for the high side system. The vent replacement for Tank 2 has been scheduled for the end of August, which should not impede daily operations. A communication will be sent out residents informing them of the projects letting them know it will not have any effect on water quality or availability, but water conservation would be appreciated as storage capacity will be reduced during that time.

VI. Business Manager Update

a. Finances

The Commissioners received financials from Business Manager Dyana Ledger by email for review. There were no questions or concerns about the financials submitted.

VII. Overwatch Foundation Grant for Cybersecurity

The district has been selected to participate in the State's Drinking Water System Cybersecurity Grant Program. This program will provide an analysis of the water systems computer controls and network security. Administrator Goetz will follow-up with more detail and references regarding this program and bring back to the Commissioners at a future meeting.

VIII. Portsmouth Water Agreement Status

The Commission discussed the City of Portsmouth's request to expand service to 22 more properties along Breakfast Hill Road in Greenland. This would expand the current service that the district provides to the City to serve the Bethany Church and Seavey Way properties through a wholesale meter. Commissioner Lopresto voiced concern about the district committing to additional water service when it does not have all of its sources available and treated to the 2031 PFAS standard. Discussion about including this information in any agreement with the City was brought up. The Commissioners directed Administrator Goetz to continue to work with Attorney Roman on this matter and to also invite representatives from the City of Portsmouth to attend the next commission meeting.

IX. Other Business

- The Town Newsletter article is due August 18th. Chair Marion will work on a draft and send it to the Commission for review and additional comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Mack to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dyana F Ledger