

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

Commissioners Present:

**Scott Marion, Chair
Rosalie Lopresto, Vice-Chair
Tom Mack**

Others Present:

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- July 3rd
- July 17th

**Motion by Scott Marion to approve the minutes of July 3rd and July 17th as amended.
Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.**

III. Superintendent Report and Pumping Charts for the month of July

Superintendent Jones reviewed his report and pumping data for the month of July.

- The pumping data shows a seven million gallon difference in usage from July from last year, with a difference of seven inches in rain.
- Signs have been posted encouraging voluntary restrictions of water use. There has already been a drop in water usage and residents of the District have been paying attention to water conservation.
- Water operators are continuing to install new Kamstrup meters at residences in the District.

IV. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce

There was discussion with Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce Engineering, in regard to the proposal for a Central Water Treatment Plant Field Scale Pilot Study. The scope of work detail was reviewed by Mr. Berg and he addressed questions from the Commissioners. Funding for the pilot study would be covered under the CTP loan funds, as it would be used as part of the overall design of the system. The Commissioners asked for further details on the scope of work for the next meeting.

Mr. Berg also spoke to the Commission about the proposal from Wright-Pierce to put forward a State Revolving Fund application for the lead service line inventory project. The proposed funding has 71% principal forgiveness and is a rolling application program. An estimated cost to complete the lead service line project by identifying the unknown services lines is between \$450,000 to \$500,000. The principal forgiveness would be approximately \$355,000. There is no prepayment penalty under the loan terms to the District. The proposal for Wright-Pierce's services associated with the submittal of the loan package is \$5,000.

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the agreement with Wright-Pierce, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for services associated with the submittal of the Lead Service Line loan application. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Mr. Berg noted there is a \$50,000 strategic planning grant opportunity coming up in the fall through the Drinking Water Program. The District may want to consider submitting an application for further water investigation work. He also noted that Greg Smith from Wright-Pierce is going to reach out to Commissioner Mack to discuss other opportunities that may be available to determine what the potential water quality might be at the West Road property. Mr. Berg encouraged the Commission to keep moving forward with the water investigation work on the Brown property to get more information on whether the location is viable for a new well. There was some discussion about reaching out to property owners in the area near the Brown property, who have private wells on their properties, to see if they would be willing to allow RWD to take water quality samples from their wells.

V. Business:

a. Tank Maintenance Contract with USG Water Solutions

Attorney Keriann Roman has finished her review of the tank maintenance contract. RWD is waiting on signatures of the contract from USG Water Solutions.

b. Administrator Contract

Attorney Roman has finished her review of the administrator contract. The Commission agreed to send the contract to the interested party to initiate final signatures.

VI. Other Business:

a. Review of Newsletter Article

The Commissioners reviewed the newsletter article draft prepared by Chair Marion and agreed to submit to the Town.

- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th, 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 10:26 p.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger