

**RYE WATER DISTRICT**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2024 – 8:00 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 8:00 a.m.

**II. Business:**

**a. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**

**Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**, presented a revised agreement and scope of work for the Central Water Treatment Plan Field Scale Pilot Study, which was first presented to the Commission at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The agreement gave more detailed information, which was requested by the Commissioners, with regard to the cost differentials between Wright-Pierce and the subcontractor's (Blue Leaf) efforts. The pilot trials would run from September through March. The biological treatment process is a ten-week onsite trial between the two wells. Mr. Berg also provided a copy of the proposal from Blue Leaf giving more detail on the costs involved with the study. Wright-Pierce will be putting in about 650 hours of time, between site visits and report development. Mr. Berg briefly reviewed some of the tasks that will be completed by Wright-Pierce. If the pilot study is accepted by the Commission, Mr. Berg will prepare a more detailed project schedule. The funds to cover the pilot study would be part of the overall loan funding for the central treatment plant.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to table signing the agreement in order to review and discuss the proposal in more detail.

Mr. Berg noted that a final disbursement request is being prepared to send to the State for the Asset Management Grant. A final draft of the report and documents will be sent to the Commission within the week for review. The Commission agreed that they would like a chance to review the report before submitting to the State.

#### **b. LSLI State Funding Application**

Mr. Berg gave an update on the preparation of the SRF loan application to be used towards the lead service line inventory project, which has a 70% forgiveness component. The intent of the funding is to cover costs associated with the identification of unknown water lines that were discovered during the LSLI Grant project. There are approximately 250 lines in the system that need to be identified. He will have more information at an upcoming meeting.

#### **c. Superintendent Updates**

Superintendent Jones reported that the District is out of drought conditions. He agreed to adjust the signs and notices in town to reflect the change in conditions, while still encouraging water conservation. He also reported that quarterly PFAS sampling is being done within a week. The lead and copper sampling is ongoing and due the end of September. The water operators are continuing to install new Kamstrup meters throughout the District.

#### **d. Water Source Investigation Updates/Discussion**

Commissioner Mack asked about the status of private well sampling and whether the District has had contact with any property owners willing to let RWD do the testing. The intent of the private well sampling is to give the Water District more information about water quality in the area of the Brown Lane Farm property to determine if water investigation work should continue in that area.

Superintendent Jones confirmed that he left a message for Jenn Mcleod, 20 West Road, but has not yet heard back.

Commissioner Mack commented that the more he studies the Brown Lane Farm site, the more he likes the property as a potential source. He noted that the State's well data base for all wells drilled recently show there are some really high yields just northeast of the property. He pointed out that the site is right near the town line and just north of it is conservation land in North Hampton, so it's really a good location.

Chair Marion asked if they should still test private wells before moving forward with more testing on the Brown Lane Farm property.

Commissioner Mack replied that it would be nice to have one or two sites to test, if possible; however, he doesn't want to hold up the project.

Chair Marion received a notice from Jen Mcleod that she will allow the testing.

The Commission discussed the next steps in moving forward with source investigation work on the Brown property. It was agreed to move forward with setting up a contractor to do the drilling with the intent of moving ahead with the project. There was a brief discussion about what would be involved with brush cutting in order to have access to the drilling site. Chair Marion agreed to reach out to Susan Shepcaro, RCC Chair, to give an update on the project.

**e. USG Water Solutions – Final Contract** (*signatures required*)

The Commission reviewed the final draft contract with USG Water Solutions for the Washington Road water tank maintenance. The contract was vetted by RWD Attorney Roman and is ready for signatures.

**Rosalie Lopresto moved to approve the contract with USG Water Solutions for Washington Road tank maintenance. The contract amount shall be one (\$1) dollar for the year 2024. Starting in the year 2025, for the next five years, the contract cost shall be one hundred sixty-two thousand six hundred nine dollars (\$162,609) per contract year, contingent upon successful appropriations each year. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

**f. Water District Administrator Contract** (*signatures required*)

The Commissioners agreed to allow Chair Marion to sign the contract with Brian Goetz for the Water District Administrator position.

**III. Other Business:**

**a. Review of Year-to-Date Expenditures/Revenues**

Business Manager Dyana Ledger submitted the year-to-date expenditure and revenue reports to the Commission for review. No areas of concerns were noted.

**b. Water District Office Updates**

It was noted that the office will be closed the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> for the installation of new flooring and the painting of offices. District personnel will be moving office furniture out of the building and packing up files in preparation for the work on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F Ledger