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## Minutes of Meeting #149 May 6, 2020

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 149<sup>th</sup> Meeting on May 6, 2020 via Zoom.

### Present Were:

**Members:** Jeff LaCasse, Kathy Moriarty, Carol White, Tom Brennan, Brian Richardson, Bob McKinnon, Mike Abbott, DWP Director, and Jim Willis, Board Clerk.

**Time:** Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

### B. RECURRING BUSINESS:

#### 1. SFY 2020 AFM FEE COLLECTION STATUS

Mike stated that we are at 97.8 percent collection rate. This is on par from previous years.

#### 2. DISCUSSION ON SFY 2021 AFM BILLING

There was discussion on the SFY 2021 AFM billing rate. The rate will remain the same for 2021. There was discussion on how to respond to calls from systems regarding delayed openings because of Covid-19.

### **3. DWP FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mike and David Welch discussed the DWP Financial Report.

### **4. DWP GENERAL UPDATES (DWSRF, STAFFING, ETC)**

Mike stated that the DWP currently has two vacancies. The DWP has hired Kelsey O’Conner as Information Coordinator in Data Management- Ami Stillings former position. We are currently advertising for the Rule specialist position. David Braley has left the Drinking Water Program for a position with the PUC. Mike stated that Jim Jacobsen is retiring the end of June.

Mike stated that most DWP staff are working remotely from home. The Data Management team has been taking turns coming into the office to process mail and complete tasks that can’t be done from home.

Mike also discussed distribution of PPE (masks and gloves) for the DWP Inspectors to take on Sanitary Surveys or system visits.

### **5. LEGISLATION AND RULEMAKING UPDATE**

Mike discussed several bills currently being worked on at the Legislature. Mike stated that we are continuing to work on resubmitting proposed rule changes to the Drinking Water Program. We are looking to submit those once the legislature is working again. Mike discussed the PFAS and Lead testing in school bills, and where they stand in implementation.

### **6. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (OPEN FORUM)**

There was discussion on the DWC membership. The Governor’s office has received Jeff’s and Rebecca’s paperwork. The Governor’s office said that Commission appointments are on hold during this Covid-19 response.

There was discussion on companies that solicit water treatment systems to homeowners. The DWP is aware of this practice. The DWC discussed the possibility of regulating installers of water treatment systems.

### **7. DRINKING WATER COMMISSION STAFF MERIT AWARD**

The DWC selected a Committee to review nominations and select the winner of this year’s award. Bob, Jeff, and Kathy are on this year’s committee. Mike will forward nominations to the committee. The award will be awarded at the DWP summer staff meeting.

### **8. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

## **9. 2020 DWC MEETING LOCATIONS**

September 2, 2020- Poland Spring, Poland Maine

November 18, 2020- Yarmouth Water District, Yarmouth Maine

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Willis (Board Clerk)