

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE
MEETING
May 1, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 5:52 PM.
2. Present: Supt. Arsenault, Blais, Gautreau, Palmer, Ulmer, Stewart, Daigle
3. Previous Minutes: Motion by Palmer, seconded by Stewart to accept the minutes of April 3, 2024 meeting as written. Motion passed.
4. Personnel:
 - a. JETCC Board Opening: Supt. Arsenault was approached by JETCC for a position on their board, but after discussion with the Board it was decided to decline the offer because of the current capital project.
5. Finance:
 - a. Audit Engagement Letter: Motion by Blais, seconded by Daigle to have Supt. Arsenault authorize and engage in the double audit (project budget and operating budget) with Ouellette and Associates, P.A. Motion passed.
 - b. Septage: Received \$14,191.00. in April; with a year to date total of \$25,418.50.
 - c. Current Operating Budget: The Capital Reserve account is increasing steadily. The main plant and Dix Avenue are below budget with Falls Hill, South Rumford and Rumford Point above budget. The total overall budget is below budget for the year.
 - d. Sludge Hauling Contract: Supt. Arsenault negotiated a deal with the manager of the Hartland landfill for sludge disposal should the Casella efforts at certifying the contract to bring compost to New Hampshire fail. The NH arrangement is less expensive than Hartland and Cassella's Juniper Ridge.
 - e. FEMA Prospect Avenue: The project was finalized with FEMA last week. We should get reimbursed 80% of the cost once Washington DC closes the project file.
 - f. MEMA/Oxford County EMA Grant: The work at the Rumford Point station has begun. The generator has been ordered. After the job is completed, the district will get reimbursed the \$42,000 grant, and the money will be put back into the Bangor Savings reserve account.
 - g. Main Plant Emergency Generator Bid: The generator bid was awarded to Milton Cat. The generator has been ordered and will be delivered soon.
 - h. Bangor CDAR CD: Motion by Palmer, seconded by Ulmer to take \$100,000 out of account 28 and put into a CDAR CD at Bangor Savings Bank. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i. Capital Project Update: The project is full steam ahead. The 90% phase of the project is scheduled to be completed sooner than expected. After the 90% phase has been completed, it will get sent out to regulators for approval, and once approved the project will go out to bid.
6. Legal:
 - a. Casella Contract: Preti & Flaherty reviewed the sludge hauling contract and provided guidance for acceptance of the new and guidance to cancel without penalties should there be a need.
7. Operations:
 - a. Current compliance of operating permits: The main plant is running good with one (1) violation for BOD percent efficiency in April.
 - b. Sludge Disposal: Still on track for the year with a little below normal for sludge tonnage.
 - c. Rumford Point Plant: Experienced a plugged aeration diffuser. The plant is running well. The new AST fuel tank is ready; just waiting on environmental engineering.
 - d. Pump Station Systems:
 1. Dix Avenue is running well.
 2. Falls Hill: The replacement of the AST for the Diesel generator is progressing. Also Getting two bids to replace the generator through MEMA grants.

3. South Rumford: Running well.
- e. 2024 Collection System Inspection: The Falls Hill section is completed.
Evaluating the collection line from the end of the Hartford Street river crossing to
Dix Avenue pump station.
8. Buildings: N/A
9. Other Business: N/A
10. Adjournment: Motion by Ulmer, seconded by Palmer to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion
passed.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Blais, Clerk