

RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE MEETING  
December 13, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 6:00 PM.
2. Board members present: Supt. Arsenault, Blais, Robinson, Gautreau, Palmer, Daigle, Stewart
3. Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Palmer, seconded by Daigle to accept the previous minutes of November 1, 2023, as read. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Daigle, seconded by Blais to add an article to the minutes for public hearing. Motion passed.
5. Finance:
  - a. Septage: Received \$20,800.00. in November; with a year-to-date total of \$212,905.00.
  - b. Current Operating Budget: The operating budget is under budget as of right now.
  - c. FEMA Disaster Relief: All of the paperwork has been submitted. We are still waiting to see if FEMA will reimburse us for the May 1st event.
  - d. MEMA/Oxford County Disaster Relief Update for December 2022 Storm: The Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$70,000 for the generator located at the Rumford Point pump station. The generator has been ordered.
  - e. Capital Project: The project is on track. There are weekly conference calls. The generator for the Main Plant is going out to Bid 1st quarter 2024. CWSRF has been awarded and separated into three parts: engineering, construction and equipment purchases.
6. Legal:
  - a. Motion by Palmer, seconded by Daigle to approve Superintendent Arsenault's 2024 fiscal budget and proposed increases for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 budgets. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Public Hearing Notice: Motion by Robinson, seconded by Stewart to have a public hearing on January 3, 2024, at 5:30pm at the Main Plant Conference Room pertaining to the rate increase for 2024 budget and the proposed rate increases for 2025, 2026 and 2027 budgets. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. MMBB Update: CWSRF have been met. The application has been submitted; it consists of 47 pages of information over the last three years. Superintendent Arsenault is meeting with all parties involved for the \$9.6 million loan.
7. Operations:
  - a. #2 Clarifier Failure: The clarifier failed in December. The crew handled the repairs internally saving the district a lot of money. Good job.
  - b. Main Plant Water Main Failure: Turned off valves and bypassed some sections and got water to the Main Plant. Not on Town water.
  - c. Rumford Point Plant: MEMA/FEMA \$70,000 grant awarded for generator.
  - d. Rumford Point Diesel Tank: The float got stuck causing a 155-gallon diesel fuel spill. The DEP was called, and they came on site to clean up. The Fire Marshall condemned the tank. We are renting a tank until the replacement comes in. Falls Hill, Rumford Point, Main Plant and the loader garage tanks need to be replaced. A SPCC Plan is in the process of being written.
  - e. Pump Stations: Falls Hill fuel tank needs to be replaced and brought up one foot to get out of 100-year flood plain. Dix Avenue is running well. South Rumford SKADA system froze up from rain, so built a box around it. Running well now.
  - h. Collection System Inspection: Five manholes have been repaired. The pipe is in good shape. Repairs still needed to a couple more manholes on Falls Hill. There will be more inspections done next year on additional lines.
8. Buildings: N/A

9. Other Business:
  - a. Sludge Disposal: The current sludge contract ran out at the end of November, but Casella will keep the same rate for disposal until a new contract is agreed upon.
  - b. 2023 Superintendent's Annual Report: Motion by Blais, seconded by Robinson to accept Superintendent's Annual Report. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Adjournment: Motion by Daigle, seconded by Stewart to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Blais, Clerk