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## WATER DIVISION

### Water Commissioners' Meeting

November 7, 2018

Members present were: Chairman Dana Blais  
Clerk/Secretary Chris Stewart  
Member Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: General Manager John Driscoll  
Water Superintendent Ron Davan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris seconded by Dana, 3-0 in favor.

The minutes of September 18, 2018 were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Dana, 3-0 in favor.

#### **Old Business:**

The GM distributed to the Board copies of the water sold for Q1 FY2019. The Water Plant sold 36,448,060 gallons and would collect \$457,755 in water revenue PLUS an additional \$17,421 in miscellaneous revenue. He compared this to the same Q1 FY2018 for the Board: 31,137,710 gallons sold, \$386,085 in water revenue and \$19,923 in miscellaneous revenue. Ultimately the gallons sold were up by 5,310,350/17.1% and the revenues were up by \$69,168/17.0%.

The GM and the WS went over a preliminary engineering & design proposal by Tighe & Bond to replace all of the distribution lines, hydrants, gates and service connections for roughly 2,600' on Maple St. They had the project estimate at \$1,064,000 to complete and the GM reinforced his idea that to take on another loan before the \$3,800,000 bond was paid off would be risky (once the \$3.8M bond was gone it would free up \$200K+ per fiscal year). He and the WS would contact Tighe & Bond to see how much sense it would make to move forward NOW with the \$60,000 engineering & design portion of Maple St even though we likely would not start work till FY2023. The GM would report back to the Board on this matter at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The GM updated the Board on the status of the FY2018 Water Audit back from Melanson-Heath. He explained that he was at fault for its taking so long this time around. When the GM had secured Melanson-Heath for the Light Audit he forgot to mention the Water Plant's needs. Zach Fentross from Melanson-Heath asked how much Goulet-Salvidio had invoiced TMLWP for their last (non-USDA) water audit; the GM responded \$12,000. Zach agreed to do our water audit for the same amount but this was a later-than-normal start time. The GM anticipated a draft version of the audit to be in-hand in a few weeks.

#### **New Business:**

The GM and the WS discussed some of the issues with the condition of Maple St close to the well sites. Because it was all federal land the GM had sent an email to the last known contact over there circa 2006

in the hopes of getting a response on who owned the land, who was responsible for the road conditions, who was allowed to fix it, were there easements or rights-of-way in place, etc. The WS agreed that pretty soon this section of roadway would be impassible and our Well #2 would no longer be accessible by truck. The GM and WS are going to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine the best way to approach road repair at Maple St Wells; something needs to be done.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris seconded by Gregg, 3-0 favor the Water Commissioners' Meeting to go into Executive Session (20:04).

Respectfully Submitted,



John M. Driscoll  
General Manager