

As voted by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the notice of the meeting, the monthly Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Water District was held in the Nixon Training Center at the general offices of the District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine on Monday, October 17, 2022. In attendance from staff were S. Garrison, C. Crovo, D. Kane, S. Firmin, J. Wallace, C. Walker and M. Demers.

All Trustees were present except Trustees Cote and Beck.

President Douglas convened the Workshop Meeting at 6:38 p.m.

1. Biosolids and Study Update

Scott Firmin, Director of Wastewater Services, and Natalie Sierra of Brown and Caldwell lead a discussion with the Board on biosolids management in the future.

The District hired Brown and Caldwell to create a 20-year sustainable and adaptable biosolids management plan inclusive of near- and long-term improvements that will mitigate emerging contaminants risk, while improving reliability and regulatory resiliency.

Brown and Caldwell identified questions the District needs to ask and if we (PWD) can answer them then we take action. For questions that are not clearly answered, we continue to follow the issue. Upgrading the dewatering system was referred to as the “no regrets option” and would have an immediate benefit to the program.

The Trustees asked questions and Ms. Sierra explained options that may or may not be feasible along with challenges related to permitting with the Department of Environmental Protection. She encouraged the District to be proactive in talking with DEP. A copy of her presentation is attached.

2. Other Business

President Douglas welcomed Seth Garrison to his first day as General Manager.

Carrie Lewis has retired as General Manager but before she left she was awarded the President's Award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA). Ms. Lewis was unanimously nominated is only the second woman to receive this award since its inception in 1986. The AMWA President's Award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the improvement of water supply management. President Douglas will be traveling to Savannah, GA in November to attend the ceremony with Ms. Lewis.

Kim Rich's last meeting with the Board will be October 24.

President Douglas informed the Board of the passing of Matt Beck's son, Conor.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

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