

9 March 2005

MEMORANDUM

From: Manager

To: Board of Trustees

Subj: MANAGER REPORT AND MINUTES FOR BOOTHBAY REGION WATER  
DISTRICT MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2005

**MINUTES FOR 22 FEBRUARY 2005 BOOTHBAY REGION WATER DISTRICT BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The Board of Trustees convened at 1400 hrs. In attendance: Trustee Pinkham (Chair), and Trustee McNelis (Clerk), Trustee Carter, Administrative Manager (AM) Bob Raudenbush. Guest: None.  
Absent: Trustee MacPhee (Vice Chair), Trustee Curtis (Treasurer), and Manager Jon "Ziggy" Ziegra

1. Trustee Pinkham called the meeting to order at 1400 hr.
2. The minutes of the 9 February 2005 meeting was approved.  
*Trustee McNelis motioned, Trustee Curtis second, vote: unanimous*
3. The board approved warrants 9, 10 & 11  
*Trustee McNelis motioned, Trustee Carter second, vote: unanimous*
4. The administrative manager (AM) reported the community development block grant applied for on behalf of the town of Boothbay to establish water and sewer service north along Rt. 27 failed. The reasoning reported by the Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA) was simply the average income in Boothbay is too high. It was further reported the MRWA would be facilitating a meeting with the representatives from Senator Olympia Snowe's and Representative Tom Allen's offices to explore the possibility of congressional set aside funds.
5. The AM reported the Murray Hill Loop project was on track with bid opening scheduled for 8 March 2005 at 1400 hr. The AM reported the manager had been working with attorney Carl R. Griffin III to clean up the easements for the portion of the project that will transverse private property. One easement was described as problematic only in that it was a family trust with six entities required to sign off, including a bank in Missouri.
6. The AM reported the grant/loan documents for the Knickerbocker Intake project had been signed the previous week. The AM reported the manger was still exploring the feasibility of establishing underground power to the installation and would be meeting with Central Maine Power (CMP) officials in the upcoming weeks. The project was reported on-schedule.
7. The status of the Union Court Replacement project was next discussed. The AM reported the town of Boothbay Harbor had awarded the town excavation services contract to N.A. Reny Construction. It was reported the cost for excavation services for the project would be \$35.00/hour, much below the industry average.
8. The AM reported Mr. Neil Ward concerning the "High Ledge" subdivision, requesting the district invest in the water main extension to service the proposed development, had

contacted the district. The AM presented a letter to the board outlining the district's response to Mr. Ward. It was stated the district could not, by law, invest in main extensions and that the district had the authority to require looping were practicable.

9. The AM reported the plant pH had now been raised from 8.0 to 8.4 with a target of 8.6 to correct the lead monitoring exceedance in 2004. Re-sampling is scheduled for mid April.
10. The AM presented a letter from the Boothbay Chamber of Commerce requesting the district move the electrical panel for the pressure-reducing valve (PRV) directly behind the PRV enclosure. Trustee Pinkham tabled any further discussion regarding this matter.
11. The AM relayed a request by the MRWA to have a trustee available at the Utilities and Energy Committee hearing scheduled for 24 February 2005 at the Capital in Augusta concerning the amendment to the Boothbay Region Water District charter requiring trustees be customers of the district. Trustee Pinkham volunteered to attend and represent the district.
12. Trustee McNelis reported Mr. Robert Conlin concerning the failure of the furnace in the Clifford House had contacted him. He stated he had been in contact with the manager and found him unreasonable. Trustee McNelis invited Mr. Conlin bring his grievance to the board directly at the next scheduled meeting. The AM was instructed to Mr. Conlin on the agenda.
13. The AM reported the audit was proceeding well.
14. The board entertained an abatement request by Mr. Anthony Colombo, Account Number 1302195 for the sum of \$682.90 as a result of a freeze up at his property. The board found the problem was not corrected, likely to reoccur. The board denied the abatement request. *Trustee Carter motioned, Trustee McNelis second, vote: unanimous*
15. The board adjourned at 1420 hr. *Trustee Carter motioned, Trustee McNelis second, vote: unanimous*

### Supplemental Entry –

On 8 March 2005 at 1400 hr. Trustees Pinkham and MacPhee opened bids for the Murray Hill Loop project. The results are as follows:

Bill Whorff Inc.	\$621,995.00
Harold Warren Construction	\$734,720.00
Harry Crooker	\$761,927.55
T. Buck Construction Inc.	\$799,400.00
MacMillan Excavation LLC.	\$807,777.77

Trustee Pinkham instructed Wright-Pierce to review the bids and report for the award on 22 March 2005.

END OF MINUTES

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan E. Ziegler

Manager

[BACK](#)