

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROGRAM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2021

Members Present: The meeting was called to order by Wes Anderson (Laconia), chair, at 10:03 am. Ron White (DAS), Ray Gordon (DES), Sharon McMillin (DES), Johanna Ames (Tilton), Jeanne Beaudin (Belmont), Glen Brown (Northfield), Ray Korber (Bay District), Brian Sullivan (Franklin), and Meghan Theriault (Gilford) were present at that time either in person or via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Ray Korber moved, seconded by Meghan, to approve the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended. A roll vote was taken and the motion carried.

Citizens Comments for Agenda Items: Wes asked if there were any guests from the member communities, and if they had any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the agenda items. As there were no guests, he moved on to the next agenda item.

Monthly Summary Report: The monthly report will be provided at next month's Advisory Board meeting.

Timeline for the CIP Update: Sharon provided draft spreadsheets for the CIP Subcommittee meeting that immediately follows this Advisory Board meeting.

Governance Guidelines, MOA, and By-Laws Update: Wes announced that there were no updates.

Rate Assessment Formula Update: Wes reviewed the status of the member community governing bodies' decisions as of July 12th and then asked the member communities who have not responded for the status of the decision of their governing bodies.

Bay District, Northfield, and DAS supported it. Tilton supported it; however, only if there was written documentation stating when the change would be effective, over how many years the change would be phased in, and the schedule for reviewing the model. Tilton did not wish for another 40 years to pass before the model was reviewed again.

Wes announced that due to the majority of "yes" votes on the model and proposed 3-year phase in period and with Ray Korber's assistance, he will draft a written "policy" to address Tilton's concerns and concerns that have been raised by other Advisory Board members. He planned to distribute a draft by email ahead of the next meeting for the Advisory Board members to review; so that it can be voted on at the next meeting.

Review of the Escrow Account: Wes announced that there have been no changes.

Replacement Fund: Wes reviewed the AG's proposed changes to the draft language for the replacement fund legislation that was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The target date for finalizing the proposed language in the legislation is September 2021, in order to meet the NH Legislature's calendar deadlines.

Sharon noted that it was her recollection that the Advisory Board had agreed to incorporating the new 50-50 reimbursement assessment methodology and suggested codifying the basic clarifying language from the AG's and the new reimbursement process, as other aspects of what some Advisory Board members may wish to do might become multi-year evaluation tasks. The Advisory Board had previously agreed not to pursue modification of the replacement fund to create a prospective "reserve account". Wes offered to look at previous meeting minutes to understand what was agreed upon at previous meetings.

Nomination of Officers: Wes announced that he is available to continue chairing; however, Brian plans to retire this summer. Right now, the CIP Subcommittee consists of Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, and Meredith. Please reach out to Wes if interested in becoming the assistant chair or joining the subcommittee. Typically, the subcommittee has consisted of four member communities; however, the composition can change if the Advisory Board members are interested in changing it.

Other Business: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 10:00 am at Belmont Mill (4th floor) which is located at 14 Mill Street in Belmont. The minutes were prepared by Pro-Temp Staffing.