



**RYE WATER DISTRICT
WORK SESSION
Monday, April 28, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road**

Commission Present: *Scott Marion, Rosalie Lopresto, and Tom Mack (remotely)*

Others Present on behalf of the District: *District Administrator Brian Goetz, Business Manager Dyana Ledger, and Superintendent Arik Jones*

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. Flushing Update

The spring flushing has been completed and went very well. The Portsmouth side of the system still needs to be flushed, which will be about half a day's work.

III. NH DES Vulnerability Assessment kickoff meeting summary

Administrator Goetz and Superintendent Jones had a meeting with representatives from Weston and Sampson, who are conducting the NH DES Vulnerability Assessment. Rye was picked by DES as one of six locations in New Hampshire for this study, which looks at climate change, and sea level rise. The purpose of the assessment is to create a template for other systems, water and wastewater in the State, to develop plans to address climate change impacts. The kickoff meeting involved meeting with the representatives to review requested documents and a site visit to all RWD sites.

IV. Treatment Project design update

a. Kickoff meeting with Underwood Engineers

Administrator Goetz gave a brief update about the kickoff meeting with Underwood Engineers, which was held on April 24th, for the design phase of the central treatment plant.

- b. Temporary operations center office update (delivery on May 1st to Garland Road site)**

The temporary office trailer for the Garland Road site is scheduled for delivery on Thursday, May 1st. Future meetings with engineers for ongoing district projects will be held at the Garland site.

V. Bailey and Cedar Well assessments

- a. Wright-Pierce scope of work**

Administrator Goetz spoke about the possibility of fixing the iron and manganese issue with the Cedar Run Well in order to bring the well back online. He presented a proposal from Wright-Pierce for engineering and assessment of the Cedar Run Well to look at options. The proposal from Wright-Pierce is for \$16,000., which can be paid through the State Revolving Funds for the Central Treatment Plant, as DES views the project as improving the overall water quality. Administrator Goetz commented on the possible savings to the District in bringing the Cedar Run Well back online versus building a new well at the West Road property. He also commented on the importance of deciding which direction the District will be moving, in terms of its wells, in order to determine what kind of treatment system is built.

Motion by Scott Marion to authorize District Administrator Brian Goetz to sign the contract with Wright-Pierce for \$16,000 for Cedar Run Well evaluations. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

VI. West Road Well project

- a. Wright-Pierce scope of work**

Administrator Goetz presented and reviewed the contract from Wright-Pierce for the scope of work related to the West Road Well permitting. This first phase of work totals \$100,000.

Motion by Tom Mack to authorize District Administrator Brian Goetz to sign the contract with Wright-Pierce for \$100,000 for the West Road Well project. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

VII. Prep for joint meeting with Select Board – goals of discussion

There was discussion about select board meeting dates that are available for the Commissioners to meet with the Selectmen. The Commission agreed that they could attend the select board meeting on May 27th. Administrator Goetz will reach out to the Selectmen's office to request to be on the meeting agenda. There was also discussion about the topics the Commission will discuss with the Select Board.

VIII. Public outreach through billing (billing system update)

Administrator Goetz gave a brief update on the pending upgrades to the billing system. It's anticipated that the software will be ready to begin in January 2026. This gives the District time to continue working on the rate and billing structure. More discussion about rates with the Commissioners will be held at a future meeting/work shop.

- May meeting dates: May 14th, 8:30 a.m., and May 28th, 8:30 a.m., District Office

Adjournment

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger