

Atlantic Sates Rural water & Wastewater Association

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING

Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and by Telephone

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Tuesday, January 4, 2022~ 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: Secretary Ted Donoghue called the regular meeting to order at 10:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members present were Shaun Fielder (NRWA) Board members, Ted Donoghue, Shelby Jackson, Robert Wittenzellner. Also present were Vern Steel (COO NRWA) and Brain Churchman (CFO NRW)

Absent: Martin Cormier, Pete Kasacek

SEATING ALTERNATES: None.

MINUTES

a) 12/21/21 Regular: Motion: T. Donoghue moved to approve the meeting minutes of 12/21/21. S. Jackson seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed.

BUSINESS

1) Public Request and or Comment: None.

2) NRWAS D.C. Rally Update: S. Fielder has asked staff members to reach out to ASRWWS member systems, as we need statements of support to share with members of Congress. He also asked for photographs. V. Steel shared that NRWA President Baird has stated that the national rally will still be an in person event, as of today. On 1/15/22 D.C> mandates vaccination requirements for all indoor events. This may potentially create problems for attendees who may not be vaccinated. As of right now NRWA is not planning for a remote event, but may have to offer a hybrid version to keep members safe due to the uptick in Covid cases nationally.

3) NRWA Board Member Assignment Update: S. Jackson is the appointed board member, with T. Donoghue being the alternate. Matt Young (CEO NRWA) will communicate directly with S. Jackson and include President M. Cormier in regards to information around the National Rally in February.

4) Water Circuit Rider Update: We have now formally hired Bob Horn- the former Superintendent of the Lenox MA Water Division- who resides in Ridgefield, CT. Bob will be covering both CT and RI in his new duties. Shaun will meet with him this week, Bob's start date will be January 3rd. Jigar, who was helping out will continue to provide support during this transition. Jimmy Falco Preside o of RIRWA is also in the loop on this new hire.

5) ASRWWA 2022 Event Discussion: This agenda item was tabled, as the BOD prefers to have both M.Comier and P. Kasacek to be included in this discussion.

6) Communication/Reports:

a) Shaun Fielder. The second big news on the hiring front is that Mike Hage has accepted a contract position to assist on the EPA Program side through 7/1/22. He will meet and start next week with S.Fielder. M.Hage was the number 2 at CT DPH and brings enormous experience and industry contacts to the position. National has been assisting ASRWWA in finding a permanent person to fill this position after July. We have the funding to hire this person while M. Hage is also in the position,

b) NRWA. V. Steel (COO NRWA) no update.

c) EPA/USDA Water Side. Born Horn will be the USDA Circuit Rider for both CT & RI. S. Fielder needs to reach out to regional leadership at USDA regarding Bob joining ASRWWA.

d) USDA Wastewater Side. Diane Johnson is the pushing ahead with her work and will continue to cover both CT and RI areas.

12) Financial Report: B. Churchman sent a financial overview of ASRWWA to Treasure S. Jackson, for his review. After this is accepted the format for this monthly report is accepted, B. Churchman will be shared with the Board of Directors moving forward. B. Churchman stated that the annual audit of ASRWWA finances must be performed for FY 2021. NRWA has used the firmed Arledge & Associates of Edmond OK to conduct this audit

Motion: T. Donoghue moved to hire the accounting firm of Arledge & Associates to perform the annual audit for ASRWWA. S. Jackson second and all voted aye and the motion passed.

13) Old Business: None,

14) Adjournment: Motion: S. Jackson moved to adjourn at 10:34 AM. and T. Donoghue seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ted Donoghue

Recording Secretary