

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: April 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; and Robert Hanson. Absent were Richard Brooks and Phillip Brooks.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Robert Hanson to approve the minutes of March 8, 2008, seconded by Mr. Buffum, approved unanimously.

Administrative: RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust application for membership renewal. Ms. Richard reported that the application was due on April 11 and that she would be submitting it during the week. She asked if there were any changes to the proposed budget that should be included in the application. Mr. Hanson said that the electricity figures should be adjusted increased usage during summer and that phone charges needed revision. Supplies and small tools, payroll, water testing, well cleaning, tank cleaning were all discussed. Mr. Hanson said that he would continue meeting with Mr. Rinker.

Annual report was sent to Town Finance office, RI Water Resources and DOH.

Technical: Ms. Richard said that Phillip Brooks asked her to relay the information that the proposal for CICEET grant had been denied. She said that she had a conversation with Robin Weber, who said that she would be looking for other funding entities for the project and was waiting on feedback about why the proposal was denied. She also said that CICEET was being phased out as a granting entity and that task was being moved to the NERRS. Ms. Richard said that the NERRS was very competitive and that many larger reserves would be much better placed politically to access grant funding than the Narragansett Bay reserve. Ms. Richard suggested to Ms. Weber that she contact Sen. Whitehouse's office about possible funding opportunities.

Correspondence: Ms. Richard reminded everyone to file their declaration with RI Ethics Commission.

Other business: Will Capron, Narragansett Ave., Prudence Island informed the board that he was planning to take the certification exam for a water system operator. He said that after the exam, he would be required to do 6 months training in order to complete his certification.

General discussion about upcoming regulatory requirements and water treatment.

Mr. Capron made reference to the district's annual report and asked how much the board was being paid. He was told that the board was not paid. Mr. Capron asked if the \$20,000 dollars spent for engineering services had been paid to Phil Brooks. He was told that Mr. Brooks had not received any money for anything he had done working for the water district. Ms. Richard explained that the money was used to pay C&E Engineering Partners for the predevelopment engineering and environmental reports for water treatment plant. She explained that the money had come from USDA with match from RI Office of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Hanson informed Mr. Capron that not only had the board members received no money, but individual board members had absorbed part of the cost for Directors and Officers insurance.

General discussion about maintenance and upkeep procedures: flushing water lines and clearing brush along off-road water lines.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 2:10 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk