

Prudence Island Water District  
Minutes of meeting: October 18, 2008

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

Approval of minutes: Mr. Buffum called for a motion for approval of the minutes of September 20, 2008. Motion by Richard Brooks, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Ms. Richard reported having received second invoice from RI Interlocal Risk Mgt Trust for insurance.

Ms Richard reported having placed an ad in the Sakonnet Times for a facilities manager.

Technical: Phillip Brooks reported that well and stream flow monitoring would take place over the weekend. Richard Brooks said that groundwater levels were already recovering from the summer season water demand.

Phillip Brooks reported having attended a conference in which well withdrawal rates in a given system would be determined by stream flow measurements, so stream flow data currently being gathered would be useful.

Phillip Brooks reported that at a class he attended, strategies for dealing with iron-manganese contamination were discussed. He said shallower wells upstream of iron-manganese contaminated well seemed to help.

Correspondence: Letters of interest in facilities manager position from W. Capron and S. Cubellis.

Other business: Will Capron informed the board that he had taken a class on septic systems and that he was concerned about systems on Prudence Island being installed too close to water lines. He said that the district needs to be involved in assuring that regulations regarding placement of septic systems is followed. Richard Brooks said that the engineer involved with design and placement of septic systems is responsible for how the systems are installed. Mr. Buffum said that the district should look into the issue.

Mr. Buffum moved to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mr. Brooks, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 1:25 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk