

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: March 18, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Robert Hanson and Phillip Brooks. Absent was Richard Brooks.

Approval of minutes for meeting held March 04, 2006. Phillip Brooks moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Ms. Richard reported that she would be doing the paperwork for renewal of D&O insurance, which would include a proposed operations budget.

Ms. Richard reminded board members to file declarations with RI Ethics Commission before April 28, 2006.

Technical, Land use and development. Mr. Brooks reported that he was in attendance at the development planning meeting held on March 8 at the Portsmouth Town Hall. He said that no one from the Town of Portsmouth attended and that Mr. Crosby, assistant town planner, would no longer be involved with the project. Representative from the USGS was in attendance and expressed interest in doing a study of the hydrology of Prudence Island. While funding might be an issue in the later stages of the study, it was suggested that monitoring sites could be identified and data gathered without incurring prohibitive costs. Mr. Brooks said that he had access to appropriate monitoring equipment for the project. He said that USGS would like to hold an informational meeting on Prudence during the summer. Mr. Brooks said that the PIUC could be helpful in allowing access to unused wells for the purpose of gathering data. Ms. Richard said that she would write a letter to the PIUC.

Leak detection. Mr. Buffum asked Mr. Brooks if the leak found at the town barn had been addressed. Mr. Brooks said that he did not know the status of the leak.

Pre-development engineering and environmental reports. Ms. Richard reported having received the draft reports and having sent copies to USDA and to Richard Brooks. She suggested that the board review the documents and make note of any comments or questions they might have in preparation for a meeting with Tom Nicholson of C&E Engineering.

Funding Ms. Richard said that she the CDBG request would be heard at the Portsmouth Town Council meeting on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. She said that she would check with Mr. Faucher to make sure her assumption was correct because the district request was not named specifically on the meeting agenda. She suggested that board members attend the meeting. Mr. Hanson agreed to provide transportation back to the island after the meeting.

Ms. Richard said that she had completed her report on the ADDD grant and sent it to RI Foundation.

No correspondence. AWWA invoice and survey.

No other business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk