

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: April 15, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Present were Robert Hanson, moderator pro-tem; Patricia Richard, clerk; Richard Brooks and Phillip Brooks. Absent was David Buffum, moderator.

Approval of minutes for meeting held April 1, 2006. Mr. Hanson moved for approval, seconded by Phillip Brooks, approved unanimously.

Administrative: related to other agenda items.

Technical: Land use and development. Philip Brooks reported that a public meeting might be held on July 1 with USGS.

Leak detection: Philip Brooks said that he would be conducting another leak survey with Gene Rinker of PIUC after the meeting.

Pre-development engineering and environmental reports:

Ms Richard said that she had received a reply to the letter sent to Statewide Planning Office stating that the summary of the project was incomplete and that they would require a project budget and federal assistance application form 424 before the project could be reviewed. She said that she had not yet completed that application.

Ms. Richard said that representatives of the preservation office of the Narragansett Tribe had requested to see the proposed site of the treatment plant. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 19, weather permitting. Mr. Hanson agreed to provide transportation. Ms Richard asked board members if they had written down their questions and comments to relay to C&E Engineering, and reported that Mr. Buffum had submitted his prior to the meeting. Richard Brooks said that he would drop his off at the home of the clerk on Sunday. Phillip Brooks submitted his list to the clerk.

Mr. Hanson said that he was concerned about transport of hazardous chemicals and the federal regulations as they related to transport on waterways.

Ms. Richard said that she had concerns about the volume of residuals generated, what would be done to dewater the residuals in order to prepare the waste for transport, and what the volume of solid waste would be.

Richard Brooks said that the alternatives explored did not seem to be adequate and that some of the alternatives were so fantastic that they gave the impression that no truly viable alternatives were available. Ms. Richard pointed out that the alternatives in the report did not match the alternatives presented in the original master plan.

Phillip Brooks expressed the opinion that sinking the deep wells (Indian Springs #1 and #4) was a poor decision and to put the amount of money into the proposed treatment project was throwing good money after bad. He said that he was concerned that water availability problems might mean that down the road treatment might be needed for saltwater intrusion in addition to the iron and manganese problem.

Richard Brooks said that the proposed project might be feasible, but not on the proposed site. Ms. Richard said that the district would need to purchase land in order to resite the

project, and that an agreement with the Conservancy to site it on their land could not happen because their holdings were bound by conservation easements.

Funding: Phillip Brooks reported that at the Portsmouth town council meeting held on April 10, councilman Dennis Canario had been very supportive of the district and through his efforts district funding had been increased and given a higher priority on the list of CDBG projects. Mr. Brooks cautioned board members that when the requests got to the state level they might be reordered and the district given a lower funding priority. Ms. Richard said that she had received a request to revise her funding request to reflect the new funding figure of \$20,000. She submitted the new request to Church Community Trust. She said that she would write letters of thanks to the town council and to Mr. Canario.

Correspondence. Bank statements received: \$10,500.32 checking; \$5,020.46 savings. Letters sent to Conservancy, NBNERR and PIPC about proposed water treatment project.

No other business.

Mr. Hanson moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Ms. Richard, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk