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## Maine Public Drinking Water Commission

### MEETING #155

February 9, 2022

09:00 AM

Augusta, Maine/Zoom

### Agenda

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #154, November 17, 2021
3. SFY 2022 AFM Fee Collection Status – D. Welch
4. DWP Financial Report – D. Welch
5. DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, PFAS, Lead Testing in Schools)
6. Legislation and Rulemaking Update
7. Public Water System Items for Discussion (Open Forum)
8. DWC Membership Update
9. Suggested Items for Next Meeting – May 4, 2022

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## Minutes of Meeting #156 February 9, 2022

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 156<sup>th</sup> Meeting on February 9, 2022, via Zoom and in person meeting in Augusta.

### Present Were:

**Members:** Kathy Moriarty, Rebecca Laliberte, Jeff LaCasse, Carol White, Lee Worcester, Amy Lachance (DWP Director) and Jim Willis (Board Clerk).

**Non-members:** David Welch, DWP, and Matt Reynolds

**Members Not Present Were:** Brian Richardson

**Time:** Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

### A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

There was an election for Chair and Vice-Chair. For 2022, Kathy Moriarty is Chair and Carol White is Vice-Chair.

### B. RECURRING BUSINESS:

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

#### 2. SFY 2022 AFM FEE COLLECTION STATUS

David Welch from the Drinking Water Program (DWP) updated the Commission on the collection status of the Alternate Funding Mechanism (AFM). To date, the DWP has a 97.7 percent collection rate, which is on par with previous years. David gave an update on setting up credit cards as a future payment option.

#### 3. DWP FINANCIAL REPORT

David Welch discussed the DWP Financial Report. David stated that we are currently staying within budget. There was discussion that we might be able to put off increasing the AFM fees, due to additional funding available.

**4. DWP GENERAL UPDATES (DWSRF, STAFFING, PFAS, LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOLS)**

Amy discussed the new federal drinking water infrastructure funding. Amy also updated the DWC on the lead testing in schools program.

Amy gave an update on the new PFAS testing for all community water systems and non-transient, noncommunity schools and childcare facilities, which needs to be completed by the end of 2022. Amy indicated that there is no funding currently available to help pay for PFAS testing, and that the DWP is working to hire additional positions to help with the extra workload.

Amy updated the DWC on recent staff changes. The DWP has hired Mary Bourque, with the Public Water Inspection Team. She will be taking over District J, Racheal French's systems. Adam Hanson no longer works for the program. This leaves an open position in the Public Water Inspection team for District D.

**5. LEGISLATION AND RULE MAKING UPDATE**

Amy stated that the subsurface wastewater rules are moving forward in the rule making process. The DWP rules hopefully will be moving forward soon. Amy also stated that this legislative session does not have much legislation pertaining to the DWP.

**6. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (OPEN FORUM)**

Kathy let the DWC know she mailed the letter advocating for the DWP needing five additional positions to help with workload. Matt asked about funding for smaller systems that need help to fix or correct water quality issues.

**7. DWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Jim has reached out to Governor's office and had no new updates to report at this time.

**8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

**9. 2022 DWC MEETING LOCATIONS**

May 4, 2022- Augusta  
September 7, 2022- Augusta  
November 16, 2022- Augusta

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Willis, Board Clerk