

**RYE WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.  
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

**Commissioners Present:**

**Ralph Hickson, Chair  
Scott Marion  
Rosalie Lopresto**

**Others Present:**

**Arik Jones, Superintendent  
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager  
Steve Parkinson, MRI  
Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II. Presentation by Rob Rochelte: Water Tank Maintenance**

**Rob Rochelte, USG Water Solutions**, met with the Commissioners to give a presentation on the company's water tank maintenance program.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- **December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 as presented.  
Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

**IV. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce – Project Updates**

**Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**, gave an update on the Water District's ongoing projects. It's anticipated that the final rule for PFAS will be announced some time the beginning of this year. Feedback has been received from NRCS that the test wells for the water source investigation can move forward. The intent is to do this work in February. The Wallis Road project is substantially complete and final completion should be within the next couple of months. The asset management project has a stop deadline in July, so the project needs to be finalized over the next few months. The lead service line inventory project is in process and is moving along as scheduled.

**V. Superintendent’s Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, and Data Report, and Bacteria Tests for December**

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his report for the month of December, along with data and pumping charts.

- Water usage is down, due to the time of the year.
- Unaccounted water, as well as gallons billed, is at 4% for the year. It’s expected for the District to be under 10%. Historically, RWD has been at 16% and the past couple of years have been about 6% to 7%.
- End of year projects are being wrapped up. Water operator Jacob Madore has been working on the end of year inventory to prepare for the upcoming audit.

**VI. Cash Flow Reports for December**

The Commissioners reviewed the cashflow reports for December. There were no issues or concerns. There was discussion and review of the engineering expenses proposed for the 2024 budget. It was agreed to budget \$350,000 in capital outlay for extensions and improvements and to budget \$90,000 in the capital outlay engineering line.

Superintendent Jones spoke to the Commissioners about his proposal to purchase meters from F.W. Webb to replace all remaining older meters in the system. The meters would be received in the year 2024 and paid over a three-year period. It was agreed to have Attorney Roman draft a warrant article for the meters. Attorney Roman is currently working on an article for the treatment facility.

**VII. Correspondence**

**a. Rye Master Plan Forum**

*Noted by the Commissioners.*

**VIII. Old Business**

**a. Alcohol – Drug Free Workplace Policy**

*Tabled until the next meeting.*

**IX. New Business - None**

**X. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes**

*No issues or concerns noted for the Water District.*

**XI. Other Business**

*Next meeting scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F Ledger