

Commissioner Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.
All Board members present

The Board reviewed and signed Warrants

Mr. Esposito made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24th, 2025, Second, Mr. Bursch abstained, all in favor.

The Supt spoke with engineering firm Tighe & Bond yesterday regarding the Keatings pilot study. The firm has not sent over a formal proposal yet but has given the Supt a budget of \$86,000. The Supt expressed why he felt this pilot study was so important. The Board agreed with the Supt and wanted to rely on his 40 years of experience at the Water District. Tighe & Bond was still waiting to hear from DEP to see if they are going to require this study or not, in order to combine the Keatings and Lancaster Ave wells into the proposed treatment plant. The Chairman opened up the meeting to public comment on this matter.

Paul Grunditz, 35 John St questioned if there might be any grants available to help pay for this study. There aren't any at this time, but the District is constantly keeping an eye out for them. John Fortune, 50 Hemlock Dr noticed that other Water District projects had the same projected costs of \$86,000. He questioned what results we would get from this pilot study; specifically, would it break down operating and maintenance costs. Once all pilot studies are completed, Tighe & Bond should be able to give us all those costs.

William Emkey, Townsend Harbor Rd, disagreed with the idea that this pilot study needed to be conducted. He questioned the past reports and some of the data presented in it. He would like to continue his comments and questions with the Supt and Tighe & Bond.

The Board felt it was best to wait to hear what DEP has to say about the requirement of this study and would like to have Tighe & Bond join them at the next Commissioners' meeting to review all of this.

The Supt updated the Board on the Rolling Acres water main project. It was his hope to have this entire project done within the next two weeks. By the end of this week all residents should be tied in and using the new water main. All that would be left is cleaning up the affected areas. Mr. Woodward asked by the next meeting if the Clerk and Supt could provide a breakdown of this project.

DOT came out and met the Supt and MDR at a section on Mass Ave that they wanted to have repaved where the new water main was installed. MDR will coordinate and get that done soon, so the project can be completely signed off.

The Clerk had sent an email to the Woodland's Condo Trust lawyer regarding the kayak rack on Monday requesting that they abide by DEP's ruling that the rack must be moved out of the Zone I area. She hadn't gotten a response yet. The Board asked that she send another email telling them they had until the next meeting on the 22nd to either have the rack moved or submit to the Board a letter of intent for where it will go and when.

The Supt would like the Board to consider the District investing in a new piece of equipment. Last week a vehicle hit one of our hydrants and the employees had to use the old JCB backhoe. That machine was not reliable, and it was tough to fix the break and hydrant. The Chairman asked to see quotes for them to review.

No public comment

Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.
Minutes by Christina Schwinger