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Trustees of the Belfast Water District met at 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Station office. The following were in attendance: Archie Gaul, Bruce Osgood, Henry Chalmers, Stephen Hall, Eileen Dubinett and Superintendent Keith Pooler.

The Chairman, Archie Gaul, called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with the superintendent Keith Pooler introducing Scott Kelly, the water system consultant with Utility Service Company, Inc. Scott provided information and cost proposals to install a PAX Submersible Active Mixing System in the 500,000 gallon standpipe on Lincolville Avenue and to make improvements to ensure safety when climbing the storage tanks. The safety items for the 500,000 gallon standpipe on Lincolville Avenue include the installation of a flex cable safety climb device on the access ladder and also on the dome ladder, bring an 8" overflow pipe down to 24" above the ground level with new screen and flapper and replace existing oval manway with a 24" bolted manway with arm hinge. A proposal was provided to install a flex cable climb device on the access ladder located on the 1.25M gallon standpipe on Lincolville Avenue.

The meeting proceeded with the following votes:

**VOTED:** On motion by Henry Chalmers, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to accept the Minutes of the June 8, 2015 board meeting.

**VOTED:** On motion by Stephen Hall, seconded by Eileen Dubinett and unanimously approved; to commit to the Treasurer the water user rates for the period beginning June 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2015.

The Board discussed the date for the next meeting and agreed upon August 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Keith Pooler recommended to the Board doing the PAX mixer, manway door and flex cable safety climb for the 500,000 gallon standpipe this year. Also Keith indicated that Scott Kelley will provide a proposal for just the cost of the PAX mixer and the District's crew will do the installation. Scott will get the cost for the Pax mixer alone and investigate what the product warranty will be if not installed by Utility Service Co. Keith suggested that he can check with other companies for the manway door and flex cable safety climb and will have more information for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Archie asked about what other things will be coming up for the other standpipes. Keith indicated that the standpipe on the Crocker Road should be painted in 2017, and install a PAX mixer in the Back Searsport Road standpipe in 2017 or 2018.

Keith informed the Board about the old building on Washington Street where the C.A Paul business was years ago is being torn down to redevelop the property. Environmental tests found contamination in the ground that has migrated out to Washington Street. The current property owner, Central Maine Power, will pay to clean up the area which will involve exposing the water main during the work. This

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will require installing two isolation valves so that water can still be supplied to the customer on that street. Ideally, they want to do the work in the winter because they claim the contamination spreads less in colder weather. The plans are to install two isolation valves that the District will install and will be reimbursed for the labor and materials. There will be one fire hydrant out of service during the project and the one sprinkler service for a building on High Street must remain active at all times. The estimated cost for the District install the two isolation valves is \$14,425.00. The contractor will use the District's specifications to install the new water main.

Keith told the Board that he was recently informed by Skip Pendleton about a large camp site at the Upper Reservoir along the walking trail. The police were informed about it to take care of the matter. Skip Pendleton and members of the hiking trail crew cleaned up the camp site and also took pictures to give to the police.

The Board should be thinking about the walking trail and other things that might arise. Recently, there was an advertisement in the Bangor Daily News for kayak and paddle board lessons that were to take place at Little River. Keith told the Board he called the phone number in the ad and informed the person who placed the ad that for liability reasons that activity on the water is not allowed.

Keith indicated that he has not made a lot of headway in getting prices for a new utility truck with a tool box. Hopefully by the next board meeting there will be more information and prices to consider.

The crew finished flushing the fire hydrants in the system by the end of June. The crew repaired a leak on the water main on Swan Lake Avenue on Holmes' Hill that serves five houses. There have been many leaks on that water main and the crew will be replacing approximately 500 ft. of water main in that area this month. The crew repaired a fire hydrant on Alto Street. Worked with the Maine Department of Transportation on Searsport Avenue overseeing the water main while D.O.T replaced the cross over culvert.

The Front Street water main replacement project is still on schedule to start on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Eileen Dubinett  
Eileen Dubinett, Secretary