

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
THURSDAY – MARCH 16, 2023, 2022 at 7:30 AM**

Note: KWD Trustees held this meeting at the KWD Business Office. Notice of this meeting was posted on the KWD Facebook and Webpage.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Stabins.

Trustees present: Amy Stabins, President; Frank Richards, Vice-President; Jeff Earickson, Assistant Treasurer; Sarah Whateley, Clerk (Remote Access); Allan Fuller, Trustee (Remote Access); Denise Bruesewitz, Trustee (Remote Access); Bruce Williams, Trustee; Mark McCluskey, Trustee; Ben Murray, Trustee

Trustees absent: J. Michael Talbot, Treasurer

Denise Bruesewitz, Trustee, left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Also present: Roger Crouse, KWD General Manager; Amy Dyer, KWD Finance Manager; Jeff Longfellow, KWD Engineering Manager (Remote Access); Matt Zetterman, KWD Technology Manager (Remote Access); Jared Bragdon, KWD Distribution Manager (Remote Access); Benny LaPlante, KWD Service Manager (Remote Access); Robbie Bickford, KWD Water Quality Manager; Sue Markatine, KWD Recording Secretary

**ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Mr. Andrew Kahrl from ReVision Energy was introduced and welcomed by the Board members.

**ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2023.**

Motion by Trustee Earickson, "to accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees' meeting of March 2, 2023," seconded by Trustee Richards.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Murray – Abstained, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT WARRANT**

Motion by Trustee Earickson, "to ratify the March 16, 2023 total warrant of checks released for \$115,678.87," seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Bruesewitz – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yes, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4: REVIEW OF PROPOSED SOLAR ARRAY STATUS AND OPTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Kahrl reviewed the environmental benefits of the overall project and the benefits and risks of the two primary financial options for the KWD Vassalboro solar energy project. The first option is a direct

upfront purchase in which KWD would finance through a loan. The second option is a power purchase agreement in which an investor finances the project, KWD receives a reduction in power costs, and KWD has the option of purchasing the project at any period after six years. The Trustees discussed the two choices at length, and a motion was proposed.

Motion by Trustee Williams, “to opt for the power purchase agreement for the KWD Vassalboro solar energy project,” seconded by Trustee McCluskey.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Richards – Abstained, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Abstained, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried.

Based on this motion, ReVision Energy will develop a project draft agreement for review and approval.

**ITEM 5: WATER STEWARDSHIP PLAN DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

Previously, the Trustees were provided with a draft copy of the 2023 KWD Water Stewardship Plan for review. This is a high-level document to be used as a guideline for adopting policies, setting goals, and prioritizing criteria for future projects. The Board discussed this document and offered feedback and comments.

**ITEM 6: REVIEW OF OPINION OF VALUES FOR KWD PARCELS NEAR DRUMMOND AVENUE**

The review of opinion of values will be conducted at the April 6, 2023 Board meeting.

**ITEM 7: APPROVALS/MOTIONS NEEDED**

None

**ITEM 8: GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

The Trustees were provided with the General Manager’s report, and a brief review was conducted by Mr. Crouse.

In addition to his report, Mr. Crouse informed the Trustees that the Environmental Protection Agency has recently published the proposed rule for drinking water standards for six PFAS compounds. Mr. Crouse explained the implications of this recommended rule and the project options proposed by CDM Smith, KWD’s consultants, to reduce PFAS levels in KWD’s finished water.

Motion by Trustee McCluskey, “to accept the General Manager’s Report as presented,” seconded by Trustee Earickson.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 9: TRUSTEE COMMENTS, CONCERNS, AND/OR IDEAS**

Trustee Stabins stated that she will not be in attendance for the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Earickson will not be in attendance for the April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ITEM 10: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ITEM 11: AS NEEDED: EXECUTIVE SESSION – 1 MRS §405. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

None

Motion by Trustee McCluskey, “to adjourn the meeting,” seconded by Trustee Richards.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Earickson – Yea, Trustee Richards – Yea, Trustee Stabins – Yea, Trustee McCluskey – Yea, Trustee Murray – Yea, Trustee Fuller – Yea, Trustee Whateley – Yea, Trustee Williams – Yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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Sue Markatine, Recording Secretary