

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District

Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 24, 2019

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 9:10 a.m. at the Kushaqua dam. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Ralph Bennett, Gordon Sawyer, Jeanette Tummons and Peter Geertz. Also attending were John Carr (Blue Mountain Engineering), Steve Smith (Randy Smith & Sons, Inc.) and Raymond Lobdell (Northeast Concrete Coring & Cutting, Inc.)

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on March 20, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Geertz informed the attendees that since the last meeting one Adirondack Daily Enterprise bill for \$8.80 was paid and the current cash balance is \$44,868.26. Copies of the 2018 financial statements as reviewed by Barbara Dwyer, CPA were forwarded to the Commissioners via email previously. Some minor errors in the financial statements were noted and Peter Geertz opined that correction and restatement was not warranted. Barbara Dwyer had contacted Peter Geertz to discuss her fee as she had originally estimated \$500 but accumulated \$1,000 in time charges due to the additional work and need to contact Franklin County in connection with the financing and expenditures for the dam improvement project. She proposed a compromise and offered to bill \$750 for her services which was deemed reasonable.

Dam Modification Update:

The Commissioners reviewed the construction site noting several items not completed as yet including welding of the safety rails and installation of the water gauge. John Carr will prepare a punch list of all open items, including a path up the berm for maintenance access, installation and modification of signage and adding new locks as well as restoring the site reasonably close to pre-construction condition. Steven Smith demonstrated the operation of the flash boards. It was noted that the rods allowed raising of the gates only to the top of the current water level without manually lifting the gates higher. Contractor Lobdell was asked to procure and install rods that would allow the boards to be lifted an additional foot higher. It was noted that the objective of the project of reducing the likelihood of a breach of the dam during high water events was achieved.

Dam Control and Maintenance

Commissioner Gorham circulated copies of the operating policy and procedures. He noted that during the recent high water event the policy was followed reasonably well in light of the limitations due to the construction project. However, he also noted and referenced the water levels established in paragraph 6 of this policy designed to trigger flash board adjustment. Given the water level gauges at 80 Hull Road and the dam, Commissioner Bennett and Dam Operator Smith agreed to monitor the gauges, with Dam Operator Smith responding, as necessary, to this policy expectation. Future general procedures were discussed to incorporate the addition of the new center flashboard. It was agreed that during the general fall maintenance, all three flashboards would be raised to their highest possible position. John Carr offered to provide signage that would list Franklin County Emergency Services in case of emergency. He will also provide an emergency plan to be forwarded to the Franklin County Emergency Services for them to follow when contacted.

Other Business

No other business was discussed and no date or time of the next meeting was set.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Geertz, Secretary