



Emerald Lake Village District  
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Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Commissioner's Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026

In attendance:

Sara Auger (Chairman/Commissioner)  
Brett Taber (Commissioner)  
Mark Przybyla (Commissioner)  
Carolyn Renken, Treasurer  
Lorinda Giarrusso (District Clerk)

Other people in attendance:

David Landry  
Christina Landry  
Josh Poff

Roll call of officials completed. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Commissioner Auger. We had a quorum.

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Public Comments:

Resident, Christine Landry attended the meeting and stated she was there to talk and listen about Hummingbird Beaches' progress. She will wait until the subject comes up later on tonight's meeting agenda.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICIALS:**

**The following ELVD Officials were sworn in:**

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| • Brett Taber       | 3-year term as Commissioner | Term expires: 5/1/2029. |
| • James Riddle      | 2-year term as Moderator    | Term expires: 5/1/2028. |
| • Carolyn Renken    | 1-year term as Treasurer    | Term expires: 5/1/2027. |
| • Lorinda Giarrusso | 1-year as District Clerk    | Term expires: 5/1/2027. |

***All Officials read their oaths out loud.***

## **THE WINNER OF THE 1-YEAR COMMISSIONER POSITION HAS DECLINED HER NOMINATION.**

The first order of business was to announce that Emily Wilde has declined accepting the 1-year Commissioner position that she won at the Annual Meeting by having the most write-in votes. (No one had run for this position). Thus, Commissioner Przybyla **MADE A MOTION** to declare an Open Vacancy for the position for a 1-year term Commissioner. Commissioner Taber **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Taber stated he would ask David to post this opening on our website and Facebook. Josh Poff attended tonight's meeting. He was the runner-up in write-in votes for the 1-year Commissioner position. Commissioner Taber stated that our Statute does not say we can simply just go to the next person with the most votes. I do have an email out to NHMA today, just to clarify what that the process is supposed to be. We want to make sure we are doing it properly. They have not responded yet. If they say we can just move on with the runner-up, we will move forward that way. If they say we have to advertise, as Commissioner Przybyla alluded to, we'll go that way and put on our communication pages for a set period of time. Ideally, we'll be able to come up with something by the end of this month so the person will be able to start in June, in my opinion. So as soon as the NHMA (NH Municipal Association) gets back to us then we'll have legal clarity on how to proceed. We are definitely working on getting this position filled ASAP as many hands make the work easier. Mr. Poff did say he is still interested.

## **ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:**

The next order of business was to elect a new Chairman of the Board as Commissioner Auger had served in this position. Commissioner Przybyla has offered to take on the role of Chairman for the next six (6) months (until November). Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to have Commissioner Przybyla act as Chairman of the ELVD Board of Commissioners for six (6) months until November 2026. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Taber spoke about MS123 (officials; page for DRA postings) needing to be documented and he stated he just has to validate the sheets for the address and contact information so he can be sure they are accurate.

Commissioner Przybyla said the next course of business was to address the new Vote of Authority that is now needed. Commissioner Taber then stated that prior to this evening, Sara Auger was the Authorized Signer for loans, Grants and payment disbursements and all Projects. With her departure, we need to now have an authorized signature for the aforementioned items to support the State's legalities to be able to pay us.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to authorize Commissioner Przybyla as the new Authorized Representative for all active and future Grants, Loans and currently be the Administrator for DWSRF, ARPA DWGTF Programs and the Authorized Signer for pay disbursements for all of these activities. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Commissioner Taber will fill out the forms and do the drafting needed for all documents and then he will submit them to the State.**

Clerk, Lorinda Giarrusso, submitted the bills to Treasurer, Carolyn Renken, received from the Supervisor of the Checklist for their time given at our Annual Meeting.

### **GOODBYE TO COMMISSIONER AUGER:**

Commissioner Auger spoke to the Board. She stated that she joined the Board as a District Clerk in 2019 and was appointed to Commissioner. In 2020, I did a 2-year Commissioner term, in 2022, I was appointed as District Clerk. In 2023 I was elected to a 3-year Commissioner term, which just ended, and it has been my privilege to serve the District, even on the challenging days. I learned a lot about writing Grants, to knocking door-to-door to complete our income surveys and taking pictures of damage at midnight, which then needed to be submitted for an insurance claim, taking water samples to take to the lab, and trying to keep up with mailings and complying with all regulations and all while managing Contractors, Budgets, Contracts and everything else that comes with the job. You never quite know what will be in your job description that week. Having to make decisions that not everyone liked to countless hours behind the scenes that no one would see. This is a position of little thanks, but it has a big impact if you do it well. The Board and all meeting participants thanked Sara for all her time and efforts. She asked that they keep her District Board email on until Monday so she could send some additional information to the Board. They said they would. Commissioner Taber requested that Sara send the hard copy of the Annual Road Agreement and the Hummingbird Beach Agreement with Bow. She said she would email them to him.

The Board thanked Sara for all her hard work over the years and wished her well in her future endeavors.

### **ROAD GRADING AND NEW ROAD AGENT:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated that road grading commenced today. Commissioner Taber stated the main loop was done, today and three (3) of the back roads. The original estimate for the completion was three (3) days so we'll see what he can get done, today, because his equipment is still in the District so I anticipate he will be doing more tomorrow, and depending on his schedule, getting done over the weekend or by Monday. This is probably the last opportunity he will be able to do this. The Board needs to discuss the June activity as we move forward. Commissioner Przybyla stated that Commissioner Auger will email us the quote from Bow so we can draft it up and get it done by the end of the month.

### **PINE GLEN DRAINAGE:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated he had been approached by a resident that has reached out multiple times. There is a run-off issue caused by erosion forcing water onto the road. Commissioner Przybyla stated he has gone there to look at doing back and forth with a Grader and he said he will see if Gary and I can look at the grading. We'll have to meet somewhere in the middle due to trouble with erosion.

Commissioner Taber stated that the area is close proximity to the brook along the road. There's just enough space for a driveway. The driveway, because of parking on the edge, is 7500 feet long right along the edge of the roadway. Many years ago, prior to my time as a Commissioner, this location, in order to prevent erosion from wiping out the to the edge of the roadway to where he's parking, is aligned to the edge of his driveway, or right of way, or telephone poles used for erosion protection as well as diversion. The one thing we have to coordinate with this property owner and his driveway is that there appears to be no history on how the driveway was originally aligned or designed. With that side, we still need to have egress or swales for the water before and/or after this area, so it won't be filling up larger volumes of water and eroding his property as well as the rest of the roadway. Keeping that in mind, we can't fill the roadway to the top of his poles because that is the natural v-groove of the side of the road. Is six (6) inches too deep? "possibly"! We need to come to an agreement to what that level is and at the same time, how do we make sure the telephone poles aren't lifting out of the ground every year causing the same thing. I think that reasonable approach should satisfy both parties. It's been several years and other than added gravel

that we've added any material for thickness; we would probably not need more than one (1) or two (2) truckloads. We can definitely look at this and see if this would work out.

Commissioner Przybyla stated that Bow is aware that you can't go over the top of the poles. He will speak to the Road Agent and continue discussions. Commissioner Taber stated that if Bow wants to have him flag this or paint mark on his Log as to where the worst areas of concern are or where he's wanting drive-in/drive-off spaces. The entire 100 feet I really don't want to fill in because then we're taking away our drainage. Commissioner Przybyla agreed. Commissioner Taber stated, "if he knows where his driveway pieces are – one (1) or two (2) 20-foot sections, then we can make sure those areas are improved.

#### **EASTMAN WELL:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated we just got an update before the Annual Meeting. We need a little more information about treatment options. Commissioner Taber reported that Aquaman was able to present their Eastman Well report for operation of the Pilot Treatment. The long and short of it is because of the organics as a contaminate, we are challenged with iron, manganese and organics. Because of the organics, the treatment identified did work but longevity would not be supported. It only lasted about 120,000 gallons of meeting all the requirements because when it was absorbed into the media, it failed within a week. Knowing that we can't change the media out every week, the treatment process is not viable. Before making any decisions on how to move forward, we need to see what options are truly available to us, I have reached out to NHDES, Wright Pearce and Aquaman, and along with ourselves had a conference call, the beginning of last week to see what our options are. We entered into discussions and maybe using a Membrane process. – The benefits of that could be faster pilot testing times and possibly developing a skid system for the pilot testing; it does have a higher waste material byproduct. The site placement, (if that is further developed) may have to be at Mary Rowe because of the volume or square footage that you would need for water in the waste collection area and then then basically, use the transmission lines that we have now from Eastman to Mary Rowe and then develop that location. These are high level options that we can look at. Mary Rowe would have been offline with Eastman working. Mary Rowe will still be offline using that transmission line, but it does not allow it to be a back-up line, and we'll have to look at the plumbing. It may need a Treatment Basin developed over at the Mary Rowe area. Ultimately, a future connection to the Town of Hillsboro is a \$6-10 million suggestion. The State wants us to keep this in mind as well.

The second type of testing for Piloting could be biological. It could be lower in costing and testing, lower capital investments, but timing could be longer. I have asked Wright Pearce to give us some high-level values and times and their thoughts on how that piloting could occur so we can fully understand what our options are before making our final decision.

Some other ideas that were shared - UV Treatment. It's not clear if this would be successful because of the organics. We have requested if there are other Districts, in the area, which deal with iron, manganese and organics. They shared that there are some in MA and Vermont and they have both biological processes and I've requested that they provide contact information so we can set up some tours for Aquaman and the Board so we can both understand. Wright Pearce will give us an estimate of cost by the end of the month. This is how we are progressing at the moment.

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Melissa Taber asked, "did anyone ask Henniker about hooking up to them?" Commissioner Taber said "yes". As part of our Asset Management in 2022, both Hillsboro and Henniker were one of the scenarios of hooking up with a neighboring community. Both directions were anywhere from 3-5 miles for infrastructure for a supply line and both were in the range in 2022 of \$4-10 million dollars. Melissa Taber asked if anyone had gone back to talk to them? Commissioner Taber stated that at this time, we have not gone back. The State is suggesting inter-connection to a lot of communities across the State just because of the volume of water that some have. One thing to note, Hillsboro's main source of water is Loon Pond and Henniker's is drilled wells. They are impacted by the Aquifer and whatever volume of water there is underneath the ground as well. So there are some different variables that we are faced with. If we're challenged to go to one of those sources, we are challenged with a much longer process and longer infrastructure. The Town of Hillsboro has already said that the piping infrastructure

would be at the sole cost to ELVD, not to the Town, even though it's on three (3) miles of their roadway, because it's just like a Developer coming in; you have to pay for the infrastructure. Melissa Taber stated it sounds as expensive if we were hitching up with the Town. Commissioner Taber stated she was correct. The Board would need to know - what were the start-up costs? .. Are we faced with another \$2 million or \$10 million? And, I wanted to find this out while it's fresh on everyone's mind. Commissioner Taber stated that one of the challenges with the conference call regarding Pilot Testing – are their firms out there with available resources and time and can they devote dedicated time to complete this Testing quickly vs. a long time.

### **HUMMINGBIRD TREATMENT:**

Commissioner Taber reported I have sent up a follow-up request to Wright Pearce to see if they had heard anything else. Currently, they've been back and forth with manufacturers of the generators. The Contractor, Wickson and Wright Pearce have been trying to get an approved generator that will meet all their specs and have the ability to operate a 5-horse, 3-phase pump and a 10- horsepower with a VFD for water hammering. Since this project started, the generator has been the challenge. There's been one spec or another that wasn't being met. Short of going to a suggested generator, a RELCO brand, which I'm not personally familiar with, and upwards of 30kw in size which could be another \$20,000.00-\$40,000.00 higher than what we have been looking at for a generator right now, as well as higher maintenance costs. The only other option, right now, because no one is moving on the 30-horse position is - Do we take the position that we need to move forward with a single-phase pump with soft start controllers? Because the water is going into treatment system, the water hammering and the start soft controls would be reduced and not be like it is right now, which is right up against the distribution system. The size of the generator and all of the components would decrease. My assumption is that they could work on this quickly. Right now, the pump replacement can't move until we get the right size pump. We can't get the transfer switch until we get the right size generator and pump, and we can't get the generator installed and we can't connect to the water distribution line. So, the Project is at a stand-still until we can make these decisions. So, if we want to move forward, we need to make a decision, possibly tonight to move to the single-phase pump. Commissioner Przybyla stated that it is where he is leaning and if it can alleviate this generator issue. Wickson is not budging. Commissioner Taber then stated, when speaking to Wright Pearce, they stated already that they lost one Contractor who didn't want to jump through hoops anymore when everyone had said it would be satisfactory. The Professionals should know! Aquaman agrees that the single horse with the soft start control would reduce or eliminate the water hammering and would manage our costs. If we're not stuck on the 3-horse, for water hammering, as it shakes the ground at that site, then, if we don't need that and we can manage our costs, then I'm fine moving forward with the single phase.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to approve the change order on the Hummingbird Well Project to convert to a single-phase pump and soft start motor controller. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Taber stated he will get that communication out tonight or tomorrow so they can move forward.

Commissioner Taber stated that there is a list of a half of a dozen items held up because of the generator issue. As soon as they move forward with purchasing the generator, and at least having one that is approved, and whatever the lead time is for purchasing the generator, the other components can be performed or installed while we wait for the generator to arrive. Some of them have a six (6) week turnaround time.

### **HUMMINGBIRD BEACH REPAIR:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated that we did get some feedback from the State right before tonight's meeting. His understanding is where we are at with this Beach repair is, in order to dredge sand back up from the lake, which had been washed back into the lake, we would need a different Permit and a Shoreline permit which we do not have. In the interim, with our current permit, we would be allowed to repair the parking lot, as long as we don't make it bigger, and we could repair the infiltration steps and the posts and swales under our existing permit.

Commissioner Taber stated in order to reclaim sand or make any repairs on the lower section of the Beach, we'll have to obtain a new Permit – a Dredge and Fill or a Wetland Permit, and we'll have to address that in the Fall. We'll have to lower the lake down before the ground freezes. In the meantime, within basically a 100 feet from the shoreline, we would put erosion material in for as far as we can go for erosion control to work and that would allow the deep erosion and infiltration steps to be repaired and the parking area and the drainage swales on the side. I will reach out to the Contractor who's agreed to do the work and find out what day they can start and then make sure we have a signed Agreement have materials in place. If we have to move some materials, or barriers in place so they can start, then we can do that. Ideally if they can start next week, which would be great. Because of the limited work, it may change the scope of his Agreement, but both sides understand that and we know we will do more work in the Fall.

Melissa Taber asked, "how are we going to get equipment down there? Commissioner Taber responded, that is for the Contractor to figure out. If he has to dig out some material at the rock wall, that is for him to figure out. Melissa Taber asked Commissioner Taber to please let the Residents know that the work on the Beach is going to begin. He said he would. Resident, Christine Landry asked, what happened to being done in five (5) days back in March for the permit we needed? What happened. Commissioner Przybyla stated that we had filed for a Shoreline Permit. The State said yes and no to different requirements needed. We tried to amend it, and we just got back word, today, that we need a different permit. We need a Dredge and Fill Permit wherein you have to scoop back up what was lost from the Beach which requires using a Wetland Engineer which could cost \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Taber stated that the culvert replacement and the Environment Review plan is \$40,000.00 and even with that quote, we will also be reaching out to other Engineering firms for support. When the new permit request or query was made to the State's Approver was on vacation and his clock began when he got back and started to catch up on his backlog. We were reaching out to the State, daily. We only received an answer today and they actually finally provided us with a very detailed answer as to what is accepted, what was not accepted and what is needed for follow-up actions, who to contact and suggestions on how we can improve our support. Right now, our challenge is how quickly can the Contractor start? The work itself shouldn't take that long but it's the coordination and his schedule if he's open up to start.

Melissa Taber asked, does the Permit contain more sand? Commissioner Taber stated no. That requires a different permit. Getting the beach into operation will require limited sand compared to what is there; it has to be a certain distance away from the lake and we will need another permit for sand replenishment and in the Fall, we will need to recover the sand, approximately forty (40) yards that went into the lake. We get that all back, it's just reclaiming it. We need to investigate the site. Commissioner Przybyla said he'll do the research. He'll reach out to Bow. Commissioner Taber stated he will look at what funds we have in our capital reserve fund should we need them. Commissioner Przybyla reported that The Dredge & Fill Permit has a 30 – 60-day timeline. We asked, what if we stated this was an emergency We were told they don't consider a beach repair an emergency, and this is now a year after the event. I will reach out to Bow tomorrow. Our goal is to get the Beach and parking lot usable for right now.

### **PORT-A-POTTIES:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated he reached out to American Guardian, she was on vacation this week, but they will be bringing the port-a-potties next week. The Hummingbird port-a-potty will be added after the repairs are done and useable. This is in our Budget.

## **LAKE LEVEL:**

Commissioner Taber reported that they started raising the lake level on Monday. The initial boards have been going in, and it is subject to stormwater drain off and rain. His current plan (desire) is to have this done by May 17, 2026, to have it at operating level. We will be deploying the rafts before the holiday weekend. Hopefully Mother Nature helps with this endeavor. Carolyn Renken asked, “will we be waiting to put in the raft at Hummingbird Beach. Commissioner Taber responded, “yes, until the repairs are completed and the beach is usable and safe.

## **OTHER:**

Melissa Taber reported that she was donating a check in the amount of \$500.00 which came from a Go-Fund-Me Campaign she did a couple of years ago to be able to buy kid’s toys for the Meetinghouse Beach. The State said we couldn’t. The money was collected from residents and me. I am donating this \$500.00 check to the District to be put in an account specifically for purchases of children’s items at the beaches. I am attaching a letter that outlines the specifics. The Board thanked Melissa for her efforts in doing this and to all the residents who donated.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to accept this donation for \$500.00 and the letter that specifically outlines the allowed use. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## **PERMIT REQUESTS:**

Commissioner Taber stated he has received three (3) Permit Requests:

- The first permit is for a water connection at Deerpoint Drive (2 lots from the end as you go up from Gould Pond Road towards Bog Road). They are working on their Driveway Permit. It is on Map 14, Lot 77. They have provided their application fee. They are building a 2-bedroom, and they will have to work with the Town on building permitting. This request is still within our limits for approvals. This is the second physical entry. We are up to five 5 approved this year. We are allowed up to 1% of our 547. This will be labeled as W2.

Commissioner Przybyla **MADE A MOTION** to approve this Water Connection Permit for Deerpoint Drive on Map 14, Lot 77. Commissioner Taber **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

- The second permit is for a Driveway Permit for Deerpoint – Map 14, Lot 108/110. This is a co-mingled Lot. They are looking to start site work. They have a pre-fab-manufactured home being built now. None of the permits have been started. I did a walk on the property. There is adequate clearance – 20-25 feet off of the telephone poles. I didn’t see any issues. It’s a slow taper and a normal V groove drainage. One of their suggestions when they installed the driveway was that it doesn’t slope directly off of the roadway. They’ll need some type of rise and level area otherwise it’s going to be running down the driveway and they’re going to be looking for support from us, and we won’t have it. Short of this, I am acceptable to issuing this Driveway Permit. This will be labeled DW02.
- Lastly, Commissioner Taber reported receiving a Driveway application for an existing home to modify the existing gravel driveway and they are looking to improve the gravel and hot top it. It is at 85 Gould Pond Road. It does not need a culvert. We will need to validate the curb stop location. If it’s within the driveway at that proximity, do we need to see if we also need to install a gate box to protect that curb stop; it needs to be accessible and not be covered up under the hot top. Short of that, I’m fine with this driveway application to do this installation and do this Modification. This will be labeled DW03 installation. Commissioner Przybyla stated he is good with this, also, as long as it meets the curb stop/gate box needs outlined. above.
- Melissa Taber asked, “Would it be cheaper to move the curb stop”? Commissioner Taber said it would cost \$2,000.00-3,000.00. It would be \$200.00-\$300.00 to move the gate box. The installation cost would be a

charge to the resident where they're modifying their driveway. The District would cover the cost of the hardware.

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### **HUMMINGBIRD PROJECT:**

Commissioner Taber reported that Wickson Construction (initially we were trying to reuse the treatment vessels) has told us they weren't able to reuse the vessels from the Pilot Testing in Eastman because of the timing. Even now, some of the construction and developmental pieces within the Hummingbird building, we had to use a different dimension vessel. Instead of the 72, 75-inch one, it has to be a 65-inch height vessel to allow for clearance, installation and future media replacements. We reached out to both Aquaman and Wright Pearce and Wright Pearce reached out to U.S. Water Consultants trying to get a quote for this because Wickson, where they are going to have to do all the other work, we wanted to have another Water Operator or another Contractor do that portion of the work. Based on the initial request, and understanding what information is needed, we have received two (2) bids from Wright Pearce:

1. \$40,300.00 from U.S. Water Consultants
2. \$41,020.00 from Aquaman

Although there is a \$700.00 difference, Aquaman is still going to have to have numerous hours of operational time. Wright Pearce recommends staying with Aquaman due to their familiarity with our systems. Since that time, (although we can't use the vessels, right now from the Pilot Testing for Hummingbird) I challenged the costs on parts, the valves, motor and clack heads on top of the system – we can use those and it saves a considerable amount of money. (we won't be needing this at Meetinghouse for the Pilot Testing). I received an adjusted bid from Aquaman, and I was able to get the cost down to \$27,896.22. These figures are referenced in Aquaman's Estimate #581. I would like to have the Board approve a 50% deposit, for \$13,948.11 for equipment so they can get everything ordered and I can let Wright Pearce and Aquaman know that this is how we want to move forward.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to accept the proposal from Aquaman for Estimate #581 to go towards the Hummingbird Well Project. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Taber stated he will inform Wright Pearce and Aquaman and Carolyn Renken will cut the check, tonight, for \$13,948.11. The Board thanked Commissioner Taber for his efforts to save money on this Project.

Commissioner Taber stated he is waiting to sign Change Order #4 which is when they planned on having them install the 2" hydrant vs. the small yard hydrant. "Their labor and equipment charges did not add up to me, so I've asked for clarity before I sign it".

### **PATTEN HILL:**

Commissioner Taber stated he has been working with Wright Pearce to close out our Project with Patten Hill. They need to provide us with the Patten Hill assets that were added to our Project so they can be added to our Asset Management Inventory and then I'll sign off if the Project is completed. The State is waiting for these two (2) documents to be able to sign the Project off. This will finish the AIS (American Iron & Steel), and I'll get signatures from Dumais Plumbing & Heating. I signed off that we had our part done with that. I'll get those signed and submitted.

## **AUDIT:**

Commissioner Taber stated regarding the 2025 Calendar Year. Vachon & Clukay submitted their Engagement Letter. Their estimate for this year's Audit is \$12,500.00. I have a questionnaire and some paperwork that needs to be signed, and I have an initial shopping list and Quick Book request that they submitted to us. If we accept them as our Auditor, this year, we're good to start. Commissioner Taber stated he drafted an Acknowledgement Letter which basically outlines our requirements and presented it to the Board to be signed.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to allow Vachon & Clukay & Co., P.C. to be our Auditor and do the Audit for the 2025 calendar year. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## **MS232 – APPROVED ANNUAL MEETING BUDGET:**

THE MS232 Approved Budget basically goes over the Budget that was approved at Annual Meeting. There were two adjustments (increases) approved, as follows:

- \$10,000.00 increase – General Operating Budget – Warrant Article 4.
- \$18,000.00 increase – Water System Operating Budget, Warrant Article 3.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to sign the 2026 MS232 for appropriations that were actually voted on. Commissioner **Przybyla SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

## **CAPITAL RESERVE REQUEST:**

Commissioner Taber made a request for capital reserve deposits to generate two (2) checks to the Trustees, as follows:

1. From the water meter capital reserve in the amount of \$15,000.00.
2. From the water treatment capital reserve for \$15,000.00.

These will come from the water account, and they are both reflected in the Annual Meeting minutes and tonight's meeting minutes.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to submit these requests to the Trustees and to make those deposits. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

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Commissioner Taber stated that the next request is for three capital reserve checks, payable to the Trustees, which will go towards our General Operating Budget to be written as follows:

- \$3,000.00 Dam Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve
- \$15,000.00 ELVD Bridges and Roads Capital Reserve
- \$20,000.00 Beach Restoration Repair Capital Reserve

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to approve both of the capital reserve submissions. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**Both Minutes will be submitted as evidence.**

## **DRINKING WATER & SRF's INVOICE #2 and WICKSON's INVOICE #5**

Commissioner Taber stated to Commissioner Przybyla – “now that you are the authorized signer for loans and grants and such, I wanted to bring to your attention that I received an invoice from Wickson Construction totaling \$151,000.00. We need to authorize the submission to the State so we can get that reimbursement. Commissioner Przybyla signed all required documents.

### **VOLUNTEER WORK:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated that he had a person reach out and they have offered to do some volunteer work. Commissioner Przybyla stated he will review how we can best use his services.

### **TANK CLEANING - AQUOUS:**

Commissioner Taber stated that this year is our required tank inspection. Over the Fall, I reached out to Aquous. Their quote for service, cleaning and inspection is \$5,000.00. If we wish to get a tank mixer it would be another \$17,000.00.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to enter into an Agreement to clean the tank and inspect it this year up to an amount of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### **OTHER:**

Commissioner Taber stated he has put a list together, for Robert, on our Budget so he can update all the Budget lines.

Commissioner Taber reported that our new summer Contractor was working at Eastman Beach and noticed him that eight (8) trees that were dead and/or falling. He would charge us \$1,000.00 to take them down and remove them. Commissioner Taber reported that he already cut down three (3) of them. It was agreed by the Board to do this work ourselves to save money. Commissioner Przybyla stated he has a chain saw and would help.

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Commissioner Taber reported that Aquaman has given us a quote for additional flow valves to support SCADA up at Patten Hill as well as transducers for wells 11, 7 & 8. Since we've had transducers for the last five (5) years, we've had to replace them 1 to 2 times, maybe even 3 times for some of the wells. The quote for all these pieces of equipment, transducers and installation could cost upwards of \$20,000.00 - \$30,000.00. We need them to finish Patten Hill. I'm trying to follow up on the transducers to see which models, types, brands, and protections that we can have. Is the next level or a brand stronger and doesn't get blown up by lightning every year. If we have to spend \$30,000.00/ year on transducers and to raise and lower the wells, we have to come up with something different.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to approve Aquaman's Quote #10162 while working with them concerning types and models and replacement frequency. The megameters come under that same quote. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

The Commissioners went over the dates for the next meeting dates. We will continue with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. They will be on Thursday's at 6:30 pm at the ELVD Office. They are as follows:

- May 21, 2026
- June 4, 2026
- June 18, 2026
- July 2, 2026
- July 16, 2026
- July 23, 2026
- August 6, 2026
- August 20, 2026

**Any changes will be posted.**

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Commissioner Taber reported that our new summer Contractor was working at Eastman Beach and noticed eight (8) trees that were dead and/or falling. He would charge us \$1,000.00 to take them down and remove them. Commissioner Taber reported that he already cut down three (3) of them. It was agreed by the Board to do this work ourselves to save money. Commissioner Przybyla stated he has a chain saw.

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**APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Commissioner Taber stated the following changes to the minutes needed to be made:

- The "total" listed for voters should read 28 voters and 3 Absentee Ballots not 31 Voters.
- On page 3, in the middle of the page, it should read where it states Commissioner Taber stated, it should read we DID NOT get selected for the 2025/2026, not we did get selected.
- On page 4. Moderator Jim Riddle opened the Article 2 – the time moved to Vote was 12:55 pm and he closed the vote on 1:55 pm.
- On page 5 – the last sentence, it stated Commissioner Auger may not need the full 20 years – it should read that we may not need the full 20-year loan value.
- The time reported on Ballot 3, it should read that – we moved to vote at 1:02 pm and closed the vote on 2:02 (not 1:02 pm).
- On the middle of page 6 – it should read that Commissioner Taber MADE A MOTION to AMEND not MOVE the MOTION. On the last paragraph, it should read that Commissioner Taber commented.
- Under the BOLDED writing for Warrant Article 4 – it should read that it covers the winter administration, not water.
- On Page 7, Commissioner Przybyla stated it should read – our flate rate averages \$100/month whereas the Town's rate averages (for a family of 4) \$130.00-\$180.00/month.
- On page 10, it should read antique excavator not just antique.

It was decided that the Minutes will be corrected and replaced. Lorinda Giarrusso will make all the corrections, send them to the Commissioners, for their review and approval, and then send them to David to post and remove the original Minutes.

Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to approve the April 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes with all corrections to be made, as listed above. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Przybyla. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2026, MEETING MINUTES:**

Commissioner Przybyla stated that with regard to the Hummingbird Beach generator the brand should be changed from ABB not AAV.

Commissioner Przybyla **MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE** with the Amendment. Commissioner Taber **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Przybyla **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Commissioner Taber **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:09 PM.**

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Brett Taber, Commissioner

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Date

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Mark Przybyla, Commissioner

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Date

Respectfully submitted by Lorinda Giarrusso, District Clerk.

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Lorinda Giarrusso, District Clerk