

BOURNE WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING, MAY 13, 2025

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PFAS LITIGATION

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this account. This money is not yet considered special revenue but the DOR should be weighing in on this soon.

ABATEMENT REQUEST – 365 COUNTY ROAD

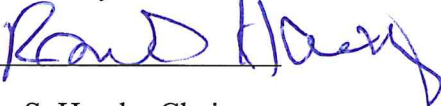
Bob stated that an abatement request was received for 365 County Road. This property was previously used as a nursing home and no one currently lives on the property. The owners do come visit from time to time so there is some consumption but very little. At our last reading, we got a super high water reading of 1.3 million gallons of water and the water was supposed to be off. Bree notified the owners of this high usage and advised there was most likely a leak. The home owners hired someone immediately and they found water spewing from the pipes but that the meter valve was off so there shouldn't have been any water. Once the District was notified, the water was turned off at the curb stop. Bob surmised that possibly someone turned the meter back on and it froze and blew the guts out of the valve. The break was definitely on the house side of the meter. Bob continued that the owners said the home was winterized with all the pipes drained but they did not have the District shut the water off and pull the meter. Motion was made to abate the consumption portion of the bill by 50% and advise homeowner of the seasonal shut off process as well as check meter. Motion seconded and all in favor.

MOTION was made to adjourn at 9:20 am. Motion seconded and all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Noel, Clerk

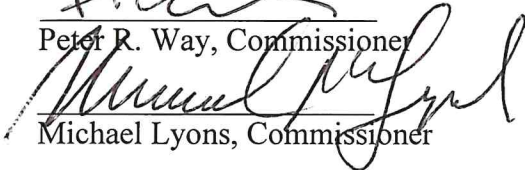
Approved by: Board of Water Commissioners



Brian S. Handy, Chairman



Peter R. Way, Commissioner



Michael Lyons, Commissioner