

## **BOURNE WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The meeting was duly posted.

Commissioner Brian Handy called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Present: Commissioners Brian Handy and Michael Lyons. Also present: Superintendent Robert (Bob) Prophett, and Treasurer/Clerk Kristen Noel. The meeting was held at the District office at 211 Barlow's Landing Road, Pocasset.

Michael Lyons made motion to accept 08/14/2025 meeting minutes. Brian Handy seconded and all in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VERIZON UPDATE**

Superintendent Bob Prophett informed the Board that Attorney Randy Collette still has not heard back from the Department of Conservation and Recreation in relation to the land lease in South Sagamore. This is the second month in a row with no feedback. Randy will continue to follow up.

Brian Handy stated he was considering contacting David Viera's office to follow up as well. He would like to see the Commonwealth deed the property over to the District. Mike Lyon's issue with this would be the access off of Route 6. If the state owns it and leases it to us, it may not be as much of an issue. Bob stated that we have a lock on the gate as well as Eversource. The District does have access. It is Eversource property, but we do have the right to trespass on their property. Brian stated that he thought Verizon would want to check to make sure they had access. Bob stated Verizon has been in touch with Eversource to make sure it was allowed to cross their land. Verizon's only hang up was whether the District has the right to lease land.

#### **MERIT INCREASE – LILIA LOPEZ**

Bob stated that Lilia Lopez is our Upper Cape Tech co-op student who started working for the District last school year. Bob continued that she has been doing a fantastic job, worked all through the summer and is back on co-op now for her senior year. Her hope is to work for the District full-time after graduation. Pat Dobbins works with Lilia closely and is impressed at her understanding of the process. She takes a real interest in what she is doing. Bob stated he would like to propose a \$1.00 / hour merit raise. Brian made motion to give Lilia a \$1.00 / hour merit increase and Mike Lyons seconded.

#### **PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

Bob updated the Board that in response to the Office of the Inspector General's inquiry regarding procurement, he has signed up for three on-line courses. Upon successful completion of these

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courses, Bob can then apply for certification as the District's Chief Procurement Officer. Two of the courses are 12 weeks long with the third being held at the end of October 2025.

**OTHER BUSINESS NO ANTICIPATED WITHIN LAST 48 HOURS**

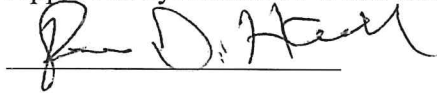
Bob stated that he had received an email forwarded from Bree from Ron Snell the morning of 09/09/2025. Ron was inquiring about the purchase of District owned land adjacent to 25 Pinehurst. Ron currently owns 27 Pinehurst and his plan would be to construct homes on the property. Bob did respond initially to the email stating that the District had received inquiries in the past asking to purchase District owned land, but the District wasn't interested in selling off land to build homes as it was acquired to protect our well heads and the aquifer. He did include in his return email that he would ask the Commissioners at the upcoming meeting. Mike Lyons stated he was not interested in selling anything. Bob also stated that all of our wells are near this plot of land. Brian stated he isn't interested in selling either. Bob stated he would email Ron back to let him know what was decided.

MOTION was made to adjourn at 8:49 am. Motion seconded and all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

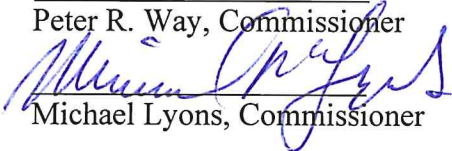
Kristen Noel, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Water Commissioners



Brian S. Handy, Chairman

Peter R. Way, Commissioner



Michael Lyons, Commissioner