



corresponded with a 13% budget increase between fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Since the December letter report was provided budget information became final based on updated budget information which was higher than projected last fall. Underwood recommended a 19% rate adjustment for the fiscal year 2020. The 19% rate increase corresponds with a budget increase of 19% between fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Note that the 19% increase and assumptions on revenue, capital reserve contributions will vary more or less than the target of \$500,000 per year. That was the capital reserve contribution that was in the rate study that was done. Underwood recommends reviewing the rate model in February 2020 prior to recommending rates for fiscal year 2021 and beyond.

Chairman Provencher referenced a table showing the Rate Increase Recommendations for fiscal year 2020. Copies of this table are available at MVD. The current rate (usage charge) is \$1.95 per 100 cubic feet, and a 19% rate increase would bring this to \$2.32 per 100 cubic feet of water.

**2. Acceptance and Expenditure of up to \$405,000 from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the Wells 4 & 5 Water Treatment Plant Project from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund**

*Chairman Provencher opened the floor for public comment.*

No public comment was offered.

Chairman Provencher spoke of an \$810,000 shortfall, which was not covered in the Saint-Gobain agreement for wells 4 & 5 intended to cover things not related to Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment that was part of the agreement; generator, upgrades. MVD applied for a \$405,000 grant, as well as putting in \$405,000 from capital reserves.

**3. Acceptance and Expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the PFAS Assessment Proximal to MVD Production Wells #7 and #8 from the Local Source Water Protection Grant.**

*Chairman Provencher opened the floor for public comment.*

No public comment was offered.

Chairman Provencher informed the public that this grant is related to the PFAS study being prepared by Emery & Garrett Groundwater, Inc., which includes installing monitoring wells, taking samples, determining if the PFAS detected in wells 7 & 8 is coming from groundwater that is contaminated from groundwater sources or from aerial deposition. Jamie Emery, President/CEO, Emery & Garrett, provided the MVD with a scope of work, previously approved, which totals \$32,500, of which MVD is providing funding of \$12,500.

***The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:09 pm.***

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_