

**MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 19, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
(approved July 17, 2023)**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was conducted on June 19, 2023, at 5:02 p.m. at 2 Greens Pond Road, Merrimack, NH.

Chairman, Donald Provencher presided:

Members of the Board present: Wolfram von Schoen, Personnel Liaison
Erin Clement
Kenneth Ayers, Vice Chairman (electronic participation)
John Lyons (electronic participation)

Members of the Board Absent:

Also in Attendance: Ron Miner, Superintendent
Jill Lavoie, Business Manager
Kristen Maher, Finance and HR Director

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES REVIEW

A. Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures Report

Kristen Maher, Senior Accountant, informed the Commission that having completed the month of May, Merrimack Village District (MVD) is 91.67% through the fiscal year. K. Maher stated that the revenue is at 106% of the budget and the expenses are at roughly 90% of the budget. Maher reminded the commissioners that Mercantile is one of the driving accounts behind revenue and noted that better interest rates through TD Bank are also contributing to a higher revenue. Maher also noted that there have been many new communities that have completed construction, which has caused entrance fees and merchandise sales to be higher than normal.

B. Capital Reserve Balance

At this time, Maher directed the commissioners to a new report, The Trust Fund Activity (Capital Reserve Balances). Maher informed the commissioners that there are still a few outstanding Capital Reserve purchases that the Board had approved and MVD is therefore running at roughly \$5.6M with the five Trust Funds. She stated that it is just about time to start thinking about the warrant articles for next year in order to replenish the funds.

Commissioner von Schoen asked Maher whether the vehicle purchases (previously approved) had been made and if the vehicles were in MVD possession. Maher answered that two purchases have been made. MVD is looking into a potential third purchase as well as the possibility of purchasing six-wheelers (dump trucks). Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that the current dump trunk is a model year in the mid-late 1980's. The completed purchases were as expected.

Chairman Provencher asked about the notes on account 60650 (Filtration PFAS) that read "4&5 and 7&8 changeout." He asked if the changeout for 7 & 8 had been paid for and noted that he thought it hadn't been changed as of yet. Maher answered that the other half had not yet hit, and there will still

be more. She noted that this value was as of May 2023. Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that he had asked Maher to hold the final check until he can get a date to have the changeout for Wells 7 & 8 scheduled. Commissioner von Schoen asked if this has been communicated to them. Superintendent R. Miner answered that it had not been communicated, but he has been in communication regarding the changeout. Commissioner W. von Schoen stated that it was important to put them on notice and inform them of the reason for nonpayment to avoid incurring charges.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Board of Commissioners to discuss the draft 2023 Rate Adjustment report prepared by Underwood Engineers, Inc.

At this time, Keith Pratt provided the commissioners with a brief overview of the 2023 Rate Adjustment report. He explained that MVD staff worked with Meagan McCowan, of Underwood Engineers, Inc., to double check current expenses and tracking them as it relates to what Underwood needed for the last of the rate adjustments to support the PFAS projects as well as ongoing budget adjustments. He informed the commissioners that there is a letter that McCowan had sent out, dated June 15, 2023. The commissioners were presented with the letter. The letter summarizes the assumptions and the model update that Underwood did. Pratt explained that it was a brief model update looking at FY 2024. Pratt noted that on the top of page two the commissioners would find some of the major items that are driving this rate increase. These items include increased chemical costs, the refinanced PFAS loan, Pennichuck Water Works (PWW) purchase (the temporary arrangement), \$1M transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Trust Fund, and the Unassigned Fund Balance minimum at \$2M. Chairman Provencher asked Pratt to explain the last two items on the list. Pratt explained that in the model Underwood is assuming certain balances in the Fund in order to project a year or 2, or 3, out. Underwood is trying to maintain a minimum balance, which may result in a surplus some years. If there is an excess amount, funds may be pulled out. Underwood set a target number of \$2M to be the Unassigned Fund Balance. As a result, the account either needed to be fed, or the target needed to be reduced. The rates needed to be adjusted up slightly in order to account for the \$2M. This would be 33% of MVD's Operating Budget, which Maher explained was a little low. Additionally, the \$1M is to replenish the Trust Funds. Chairman Provencher asked if this was consistent with the past or if those needed to be updated as there were more expenses. Maher answered that in the past there was a significant amount added to the trust funds annually, but this has recently come down. She explained that the fund balance itself is brand new. Maher stated that these dollar amounts were provided to McCowan because MVD wants to move forward with the rates that would allow them to establish these accounts to be financially sound. Chairman Provencher stated that he was just curious how much this is driving the rate increase if this was more than what was done in the past. Maher explained that in the last five years, less has been going into the funds, but prior to that \$500,000 - \$750,000 was being added to the funds annually. Maher stated that if MVD wants to maintain the three plants, they need to ensure there is the income to address any issues that may arise. Commissioner von Schoen noted that these conversations took place a few years prior and one of the previous rate increases was slightly steeper than anticipated in order to level out this next rate increase. He also noted that additional line items have been added to the budget and MVD is now creating reserves ahead of time. He explained that MVD is essentially budgeting better throughout the year for maintenance items that in the past were pulled out of the reserves. Vice Chairman Ayers asked how much money MVD currently has. Maher answered that in the Equipment Trust Funds there is just shy of \$2.9M. Vice Chairman Ayers questioned the amount of \$2M in the Unassigned Fund Balance. K. Maher reiterated that this was a low amount, at 33% of the operating budget. Pratt explained that Underwood

usually suggests an Unassigned Fund Balance to hold roughly 3-6 months' worth of expenses, and MVD will be at roughly 4 months. He suggested MVD not go any less than \$2M for the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Pratt informed the commissioners that he also provided MVD with some sample bills and an explanation of where MVD falls compared to the state. The average residential user in Merrimack is projected to be right around the average user in the state of NH. Pratt noted that the state average is based on a two-year old number, meaning that Merrimack may actually still be under the state average. It was noted that the average residential user in Merrimack is a tier 1 customer. Pratt reminded the commissioners that at the last meeting they agreed to adjust the difference between a tier 1 and a tier 2 user. Pratt stated that originally the tier differential between tier 1 and tier 2 was only 10%. Pratt informed the commissioners that McCowan calculated the impact of the rate increase to generate the same revenue that is currently being seen and increased the differential to 25%. High end users will see a larger hit than low end users and average users as a result of this rate increase.

Commissioner von Schoen noted that MVD has a lot of irons in the fire, as far as litigation goes, and it is important to keep that in mind. He stated that while he is not banking on it, there is the potential to see money come to MVD that is unexpected. The timing is unknown. He stated that there is the potential for things coming down the line, such as grants, PFAS limitations, and the potential for federal aid. He also noted that new equipment typically brings a couple of years of lighter costs with things such as maintenance. Noting this, von Schoen expressed that he would personally like to be careful in the next two years with increasing the reserves. Commissioner von Schoen also noted that hydrant fees have been increasing over the last couple of years. He stated that he is unsure if he is noticing an impact with these fees. He questioned keeping the hydrant fees steady and looking at the consumption rates to compensate for any missing budget that stems from that decision. Commissioner von Schoen asked if that could be run easily. Pratt answered that if the commissioners wanted to make changes to the model, it is easy for Underwood to change the assumptions. Commissioner von Schoen asked what the budgeted annual revenue is from the hydrant fees. Maher answered that this current year it was \$940,000. It was noted that it is roughly 20% of the budget. Commissioner von Schoen stated that it was more than he thought. Chairman Provencher stated that he feels it is a lot on the tier 2 user to go from 10% to 25% and suggested going from 10% to 20%. He stated that he was unsure of what that would do to the budget. Pratt explained that the rates would still be raised to establish the revenue that is needed, but it would fall back to the tier 1 users, and the tier 1 rate would be increased. Maher reminded the commissioners that the tiers were also set to encourage conservation. It was stated that some customers may choose to build an irrigation well. It was also noted that the payout on an irrigation well is high and may not be worth the money, with all things considered. Circling back to the hydrant fees, Chairman Provencher asked Commissioner von Schoen what changes he would like to see with the hydrant fees. Commissioner Clement noted that she did not have a problem with the hydrant fees increasing as it was only an \$18 increase annually, which is minimal compared to other utilities. Commissioner Lyons expressed that he did not feel the rate increase on tier 2 was overly burdensome either. It was noted that if in the future there was federal funding or optional grants, MVD could always adjust rates accordingly.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN TO INCREASE THE METER, HYDRANT, AND SPRINKLER CHARGES AS PROPOSED IN THE UNDERWOOD ENGINEERING LETTER DATED JUNE 15, 2023, BASED ON OPTION TWO, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2023
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER E. CLEMENT**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons

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It was noted that two public hearings would be necessary.

2. Board of Commissioners to conduct the annual review of the Investment Policy.

K. Maher informed the commissioners that the annual review of the Investment Policy is nothing more than the policy that is signed each year granting the admissions of the investments. Chairman Provencher asked if there was anything different in the policy compared to last year’s policy. Business Manager J. Lavoie informed the commissioners that it was reviewed and revised a few years prior, but no changes have been made to this version of the policy.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN TO APPROVE THE INVESTMENT POLICY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2023
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER E. CLEMENT

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons
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Nay: 0

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3. Board of Commissioners to review proposed changes to the paid time off policies.

At this time, K. Maher reminded the commissioners that there had been some previous discussion regarding paid time off policies and multiple suggestions were given regarding accrual. Maher further explained that she has discussed with Superintendent R. Miner and Business Manager J. Lavoie that the easiest way to solve this in terms of essentially paying out for someone who has not earned the time, is to rewrite the employee handbook for paid time off (PTO). The commissioners were presented with the original policies for PTO, the suggested policy for PTO, the original and suggested policies for sick time, and additional personal time. Maher explained that personal time has always been used internally, but in the handbook it is consider “special vacation.” There are 2-3 days of personal time. Personal time is prorated based on when you start with MVD and when you leave. Commissioner von Schoen asked if it was cumbersome to not have accruals following the fiscal year. Maher answered that it was not cumbersome. Commissioner von Schoen asked why not merge the personal time off into vacation time. J. Lavoie explained that vacation time accumulates, and personal time does not – everyone receives 2-3 days of personal time.

Chairman Provencher stated that an added paragraph that states, “upon termination of employment, employees will be paid at a prorated rate for unused sick time that has been earned through the last day of work. However, if the MVD, in its sole discretion, terminates employment for cause, forfeiture of unused

sick time may result” does not seem definitive. It was explained that there is a specific definition of the word “cause.” Chairman Provencher expressed appreciation for the clarification.

The commissioners then reviewed the changes made to the vacation benefits. It was suggested by Maher that the handbook read, “MVD’s paid time off is based on calendar year (JAN-DEC), not fiscal year (JUL-JUN). Vacation will be added as a benefit to the employee, prorated based on the date of entering Regular status.” Maher also suggested that the following lines be removed:

“Once employees enter an eligible employment classification, they begin to earn paid vacation time according to the schedule. They can request use of vacation time after it is earned.”

“In certain unique circumstances, due to the pressure of business and with the amount of vacation time provided to employees by the District, payment in lieu of vacation may be made to the employee with the approval of the Business Manager/Superintendent, after a full review of the reason for the payment to be made in lieu of actual time off.”

Maier explained that if a particular circumstance were to happen where an employee may request payment instead of actual time off, the commissioners can vote at that time.

Commissioner Clement asked how this would work moving forward if it were to be approved at tonight's meeting, with employees already being front loaded with vacation time. J. Lavoie explained that the biggest concern is with employees who are leaving and anyone who left after the approval of the changes would have their time prorated. The new version of the employee handbook will be signed by current employees.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER E. CLEMENT TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, SECTIONS 404, 402, AND 401, AS PRESENTED
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER J. LYONS**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons

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Nay:

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4. Board of Commissioners to review the request from T-Mobile for a change in Base Rent and Growth Rate on their cell tower lease.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN TO DENY THE REQUEST

At this time, Commissioner W. von Schoen made a motion to deny the request from T-Mobile. He stated that he would like to keep things in line with the Verizon request that came a few months prior, and he stated that he saw no reason to change the thinking for this request. W. von Schoen stated that he felt

their suggestion was slightly better than the one from Verizon, but he stated that he didn't feel the money was significant enough that it would make a difference for MVD to keep it or lose it. He stated that he does not want to support this request. Superintendent R. Miner stated that he was also not in favor of the request. It was noted that in the request T-Mobile implies that they may go elsewhere if MVD chooses not to grant the request.

At this time, Chairman Provencher explained to the public that T-Mobile is asking for a reduction in their monthly rent from \$1870, down to \$1370 per month. It was noted that rent everywhere is increasing. Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that MVD is working on another lease agreement with Eversource for another tower.

Chairman Provencher noticed that the date on the T-Mobile letter was December of 2022. He asked if the letter came late or if it took that long to get it on the agenda. Superintendent R. Miner stated that he spoke with T-Mobile and believes it was never sent out. It was asked when the current lease agreement expires. Maher answered that she would get that information to the board. Commissioner von Schoen stated that it does not make a difference to him as far as his motion goes. He noted that as a small water district, he sees no reason to give a "giant like T-Mobile" \$500 per month.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN TO DENY THE REQUEST
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER E. CLEMENT**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons

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5. Board of Commissioners to vote on a \$20,000 increase to the Watershed Planning Project for additional required work.

It was noted that Jamie Emery was not available for tonight's BOC meeting. At this time, J. Lavoie informed the commissioner that J. Emery is asking for an additional \$20,000 for the Watershed Planning Project as NHDES has added required work. A copy of an email from J. Emery was provided to the commissioners. In this email Emery states that the commissioners would likely have to vote on the \$20,000 match and send the state confirmation of that. J. Lavoie informed the commissioners that they had been provided with a sheet showing project costs by category. The total cost, as shown on the bottom of the sheet, is \$100,000. It was noted that the budget was tight to begin with, but the increase in cost is due to the additional tasks required by NHDES. Commissioner W. von Schoen stated that he did not want to sound as though he is suspecting shenanigans, but when he sees J. Emery's hours as 110 hours, and his team's hours being at 140-150 hours each, he is unsure if he fully understands that. Commissioner von Schoen stated that as the Senior Manager of the project / Executive of the company, he doubts that Emery is putting in roughly the same number of hours as each team member. Commissioner von Schoen equated this to Superintendent R. Miner spending the same amount of time in the field as the MVD's fieldworkers. Commissioner W. von Schoen noted that this was discussed at the last meeting and expressed surprise that Emery was not at this meeting to answer to that.

Commissioner Clement noted that in the entire 100-page document that the board members received she did not see a clearly outlined task list comparing what the tasks had been to what they now were. It was noted that this information was questioned last time. Chairman Provencher noted that there was an email chain that was shared with him that included emails from NHDES with additional tasks. It was stated that this would be the first time MVD put money into this project. Commissioner W. von Schoen stated that he appreciates that Emery & Garrett is very proactive in making MVD aware of these grants and opportunities, but it feels a little too easy for the commissioners to “make that money flow.” He explained that Emery presents opportunities, and a lot of times there is value to the opportunity, but in the end, it is still money that is being used, coming from other funds, that the commissioners authorize. He questioned if the real value is there for the money that is being spent. Commissioner von Schoen referenced the salt mitigation project, noting that over the last 2-3 years there has been a lot of discussion, and there has been money paid, but aside from a couple of meetings, the outcome at the state level really isn’t visible, but the money is still being spent. Commissioner von Schoen asked if there was reason to believe that the \$100,000 in total for the Watershed Planning Project would actually achieve anything. J. Lavoie answered that it is supposed to be a very detailed project to protect the Well Head Protection Area. Chairman Provencher stated that J. Emery had mentioned to him that this grant requires participation and follow up with DOT. Lavoie noted that this whole project will loop the DOT in, which will open other doors as well. Commissioner von Schoen stated that this may be the wrong time to raise these issues but explained that he wants to be sure that if the commissioners are the catalysts that make the money flow that they are feeling okay about it, and he’s unsure if that is always the case.

At this time, Chairman Provencher asked about the timing, and questioned if the opportunity would be lost if this was not voted on at tonight’s meeting. J. Lavoie answered that not signing it would drag out the Governor of Council’s approval. It was stated that it should not prevent the grant from being approved, but it may put a hold on the work for lack of funds. Chairman Provencher noted that the salt levels are rising and stated that he would not want to do less than what the state is asking of Emery & Garrett. He informed the commissioners that he does remember seeing more “daunting” tasks being assigned on an email that, unfortunately, was not in front of the commissioners. He expressed that he does not feel J. Emery could swallow that work, and he does not feel it’s good practice not to do the work that NHDES is asking for. For those reasons, he stated that he would be in favor of this if a motion were to be made. Commissioner Clement stated that she feels it is a worth while project and if Chairman Provencher has seen the tasks that were added, she would be okay with it. Commissioner von Schoen asked who the owner of the project would be and expressed confusion as to why NHDES was not communicating with MVD regarding the project. He questioned why NHDES would not be the ones reaching out to MVD for an additional scope. He stated that something is backwards in this scenario, and he is not comfortable with that. Superintendent R. Miner explained that MVD was initially pursued by NHDES for this grant. Emery had reviewed the grant and expressed to Superintendent R. Miner that he was unsure if he could do the amount of work required for the amount of the grant. The communication between NHDES and J. Emery was done to streamline the project. Chairman Provencher stated that he feels the state is looking out for MVD and he would be concerned about jeopardizing that. Commissioner von Schoen stated that this is somewhat convincing, but he still feels that NHDES should be communicating with MVD, as Emery & Garrett is just the contractor. Commissioner Lyons stated that he is not concerned about J. Emery communicating with the state, as that is what he was hired to do. Commissioner von Schoen pointed out that the communication thread between NHDES and Emery & Garrett does not have MVD on copy.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER J. LYONS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BY EMERY & GARRETT FOR AN EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000 FOR THE WATERSHED GRANT PROJECT
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER D. PROVENCHER**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons

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Nay: Wolfram von Schoen

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Commissioner W. von Schoen thanked the other commissioners for their patience with the discussion and noted that he believes it to be important to have these discussions occasionally.

- 6. Board of Commissioners to review the minutes from the May 15, 2023 regular BOC meeting and the June 1, 2023 Public and Non-Public Sessions.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting May 15, 2023

No amendments were offered.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER E. CLEMENT TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2023 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement

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Nay:

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Commissioners Ken Ayers and John Lyons abstained.

Board of Commissioners Public Meeting June 1, 2023

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Board of Commissioners Non – Public Meeting June 1, 2023

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7. Board of Commissioners to review Action Items from previous meetings and those to be added from this meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed the list of Action Items, removing tasks that have been completed, and making necessary additions. At this time, Business Manager J. Lavoie provided the commissioners with an update to item 59: Evaluation of proactive measures to track and correlate customer water quality complaints with discoloration, sediment, and chlorine. She informed the commissioners that MVD is making progress with this using GIS. Brian and Amy are working on correlating the GIS to Survey 123.

K. Maher informed the commissioners that despite not being on the action item list, Office 365 is up and running. She also informed the commissioners that monthly billing is on track for July 1, 2023. Additionally, she noted that 42% of MVD customers are now signed up through the MVD portal. Roughly 13% are e-bill only and 13% are set up to do autopay. MVD has now saved \$15,000 based on the customer portal so far.

At this time, Superintendent R. Miner touched base on action item #80, Staff to give updates on PWW wholesale agreement monthly (until resolved). He informed the commissioners that the wholesale agreement was approved on June 14, 2023. There is a 30-day period where a public hearing can be requested, but if nothing comes in prior to July 7th, the contract becomes effective July 13th.

8. Old Business

At this time Commissioner W. von Schoen reminded the commissioners that one thing that had been discussed with K. Maher was to find alternatives for the lockbox service. It was noted that this is one of the key cost drivers for the monthly billing. K. Maher had informed the commissioners that MVD is signed up with the current lockbox service for a full year. Commissioner von Schoen requested to add an action item to look into alternative providers for this service roughly three months prior to the contract ending.

Commissioner W. von Schoen asked about warranty start and end dates for the treatment plants. He questioned if warranty start letters had been received by MVD. Superintendent R. Miner answered that Wells 7 & 8, and Wells 2 & 9 are now in a warranty period.

9. New Business

At this time, Commissioner W. von Schoen shared that he has spent a lot of time on the [MVD website](#) recently and has realized it is quite outdated as far as the construction projects. Superintendent R. Miner stated that he had noticed that as well. Commissioner von Schoen also noted that the website has grown organically, and some areas no longer appear purposeful. He suggested reviewing the website for potential updates.

10. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent R. Miner reminded the commissioners of the special contract with PWW over the winter. He then informed the commissioners that there was a reconciliation after the fact and the PUC awarded MVD a \$46,881.63 refund. This will be paid by PWW.

Chairman Provencher asked Superintendent R. Miner to touch on the progress, or lack thereof, with Evoqua at plants 4 & 5, and 7 & 8. Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that he originally had had three dates set with Evoqua. May 26th, May 30th, and June 5th were the three possible dates that MVD could do the changeout. Prior to that Superintendent R. Miner had sent a profile form that was expected back no later than June 5th. As of June 19th, the results have still not been returned. Superintendent R. Miner was told by Evoqua that the lab is backed up. Superintendent R. Miner was also told that the profile, once done, will not need to be redone for five years, however, the paperwork says it needs to be done annually. Chairman Provencher noted that Wells 4 & 5 will require a changeout in August, which would still be within the year of the most recent profile. He suggested that Superintendent R. Miner start scheduling that changeout now, noting that Evoqua can't use the profile as a reason not to follow through with scheduling. It was questioned whether or not MVD can search for another company to regenerate the media. Commissioner von Schoen suggested that MVD contact the sales team of other companies to inform them that MVD is having issues with Evoqua and see what the options are. Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that he had spoken with Calgon, but the switch to Calgon would require a full changeout due to the different unit weights of the media. He was unsure if Calgon has their own regeneration plant or uses the same location as Evoqua. Commissioner von Schoen asked if MVD has requested a superior within Evoqua to handle the issues. Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that even during zoom meetings with Evoqua there seems to be only one person talking and in the past, he has had to request that the others turn their cameras on.

Superintendent R. Miner informed the commissioners that he was recently notified that Evoqua merged with another company.

It was noted that Wells 7 & 8 were running on one vessel. Commissioner von Schoen asked how that was from a compliance standpoint and he was informed that it was fine. NHDES does not require lead lag vessels.

Commissioner von Schoen stated that he does not feel like MVD is in control of the situation with Evoqua, and asked Superintendent R. Miner if he would like the commissioners to join a call with them.

11. Questions from the Public/Press - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER J. LYONS TO ADJOURN
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER W. VON SCHOEN**

A Viva Voce Roll Call was conducted, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Donald Provencher, Wolf von Schoen, Erin Clement, Ken Ayers, John Lyons

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Nay:

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The June 19, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Amanda McKenna, Recording Secretary