

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2021

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman	William L. Schenker
Clerk	Brian S. McClafflin
Associate Member	R. Scott Williams
Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr
Office Manager	Jennifer L. Fernandes
Maintenance Worker	Sam Bernash
Prudential Board Chairman	John Wojciechowski
Resident (who wanted to remain anonymous)	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board agreed to wait on approval of the minutes of August 12, 2021 until they can get the recording of the meeting and the Attorney opinion letter from Prudential member Bruce Perron.

CELL PHONE DISCUSSION: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that since the meeting last Thursday that the next morning, Friday both he and Jennifer had no access to the Verizon account whatsoever. The Treasurer, Terie Fleury had locked both of them out of the account. She had told Verizon she was the CFO of the District and she was the only one who should have access. Jeff informed the Board that the number she has listed on the Verizon account is her own personal cell phone and not a district phone number. Jeff stated that on Saturday night 8/14/21 his cell phone died and went black, so Sunday morning he went to the Verizon store in Granby and purchased a new phone and paid for himself as he did not have access to the Government Verizon account to order a new one. Jeff noted that recently he has spent over \$600 of his own money to get new phones. Scott Williams stated he would like to reimburse Jeff for the phones he bought with his own money. John W. said he does not want to reimburse Jeff for the cell phone, he said Jeff should get a new phone and the phone number should stay with the District. John W. stated that he was the one who gave Terie permission to freeze the Verizon account. John stated that he felt that until we could all talk about the cell phone issue the account should be frozen. John W. said that Terie was denied access to account and he felt as though she would be the CFO of the District if this were a private sector. John W. stated that the District has control of the equipment so the District should have authorization to find anything on that equipment just like any other equipment the District owns. Jeff Cyr asked how an elected body (Prudential) can Direct another Elected position (Treasurer/Clerk) to change a Water Dept. account. Scott Williams said we should have a joint meeting sooner and wants to solve the problems and work together. Scott noted that if he got what he was asking for when he previously asked for the cell phone records all the legal costs and conflict between all parties involved would not be happening. William Schenker said that he has spoken to the District Attorney and according to the Freedom of Information Act one can request access to government-held information. William Schenker then said the District Attorney stated we can get

clarification of the roles of each Board and make it part of our by-laws because the way the law is written right now it is open to interpretation. Brian McClafin said we have to resolve this cell phone issue so Jeff can do his job. William Schenker stated that there was an investigation and a lot of money was spent and nothing was found on phone records or resolved. Scott said he never thought there was abuse of the cell phone. Scott Williams suggested Jeff have 2 lines set up on the one phone as he does and then with an app you can pick which phone you wish to use. Jeff Cyr noted he is not comfortable with the Treasurer/Clerk having access to all the info on the phone as she now is the *only* account holder. Jeff also went on to say he felt targeted as the only District employee that has this phone issue. Brian McClafin expressed he is not happy that person is the only account holder as it impedes Jeff and the Department from doing their jobs. Brian stated that when the Water Board voted to have Jeff Cyr pick up warrants from Terie and get signed by Board it did not happen. Jeff suggested he get another phone for Water Department business and he will use the phone he purchased as his personal phone and get a new phone number. John W. suggested Jeff email Terie to order him a new phone off the Verizon government account. After a lengthy discussion, Scott Williams made a motion to have Terie order a new phone for Jeff to conduct District business. Then the District phone number will be transferred to the new phone and the phone Jeff purchased with his own money will be his personal phone with a new number. This Motion was seconded by Brian McClafin.

Motion Carried

RECORDING OF 8/12/2021  
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William Schenker addressed the room and stated he had spoken to Prudential member, Bruce Perron and Bruce warned Bill that he wanted to record the meeting but Bill didn't realize Bruce Perron was actually recording the meeting. John W. said he was sorry about the recording, that the Prudential Board now has all their meetings recorded via Log Me In because a member has been unavailable to attend meetings. Jeff Cyr indicated that all of our rights were violated by recording the minutes without it being announced appropriately and giving those who did not want to be recorded a chance to leave. Brian McClafin said he appreciated John Wojciechowski attending the meeting and that none of us had any indication that the meeting was being recorded and Bruce also had an opinion letter from an Attorney he would not let the Board see. Brian remarked he was unhappy with the fact that Bruce kept saying that the Prudential Board was in charge of all policies, when in fact the Water Board has always set policies in the past for the Water Department. Jeff Cyr said as an example, the Employee Handbook the Water Board had compiled the Prudential Board copied and adopted it for the Fire Department employees.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

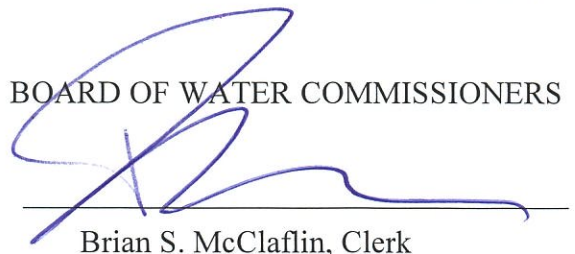
Brian S. McClafin made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by R. Scott Williams.

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Brian S. McClafin, Clerk