

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners and Prudential Committee was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Chairman William L. Schenker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

DISTRICT 1 WATER

Chairman	William L. Schenker
Clerk	David T. Daly
Associate Member	John A. Mikuszewski
Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman	Raymond Hopfe
	Edward Wall
	Raymond Miner
Treasurer	Margaret St. Martin
	Brian McClaflin

APPROVAL OF WARRANT: The weekly warrants were signed by all Board Members.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Jeff Cyr presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/2011 (see Note 2) for the Board to consider. They will take the information for study to discuss at a future meeting. Jeff's proposed budget allows for minimal increases in pertinent areas only. Jeff included the 12% increase for retirement and noted that the MWRA will have a 10.9 reduction in our water rates for the next fiscal year due to the current economic situation and project reduction on the CVA. John A. Mikuszewski appreciates the reduction, but would still prefer to fund the account level with last year's amount due to the uncertainty of FY12. (See pg 2 of Note 2). Jeff also noted that the Leaping Wells Watershed account has been funded. The Department is required to perform a Safety report of the Leaping wells dam every 2 years and must be done by a registered professional engineer. Tighe and Bond provided Jeff with the estimated amount of \$4,000.00 and will be performing the report.

WAGE DISCUSSION WITH
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

The Board of Water Commissioners proposed to the Prudential Committee to not recommend a raise this year with the economy being so poor for a lot of people in our District. After brief discussion, the Prudential Committee decided to table their decision until they review their budget numbers at their meeting on February 18th. David T. Daly made a motion to propose a 0% increase across the board for the District employees. John A. Mikuszewski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF DISCUSSION:

Ed Wall noted that the Fire Chief, Bill Judd will be retiring August 1, 2010. Ed suggested that the Prudential Committee search out someone outside the department to do a personnel study of similar size communities with similar size Fire Departments to compose a job description and salary range for a new Fire Chief coming in. Currently the Fire Department is growing (to a staff of 22) and the Chief's job is changing, requiring more responsibility for the new Chief to be hired. Several people suggested moving quickly to make this happen as time is of

the essence, with only 5 months till Mr. Judd's retirement. Jeff Cyr suggested maybe having the outside person look at say 5 other Fire Departments with similar size departments and communities to compare salary ranges and job description.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by David T. Daly.
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at p.m. 8:02 P.M.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Raymond J. Miner, Clerk