

**Town of Oriental
Water Advisory Board Meeting
August 20, 2014**

Minutes

Attendees: Diane Miller, Drew Cox, Larry Summers, Jackie Mahan, Larry DeChesser, Warren Johnson

Vice Chair Jackie opened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. noting that we had a quorum. Warren made a motion to approve the July Minutes, seconded by Jackie – motion passed.

Jackie made a motion to appoint Warren as Chairman, seconded by Larry. Warren did not accept and motion failed. Larry made a motion to appoint Jackie as Chairperson, seconded by Warren – motion passed. Warren nominated Larry as Vice Chair, seconded by Jackie – motion passed.

Diane reviewed the revised O and M Manual and everyone was impressed with the progress made. Further tuning will be done on Appendix D, E, F, and G.

Significant discussion regarding valves led to the plant valves being exercised at minimum or a quarterly basis. The street valves (most – not all) have not been exercised due to unknown locations and some being paved over. We do have a non-working magnetic locator that is being considered for repair – that would help locate the unknown valves. This fall/winter an attempt will be made to exercise one of the street valves that will provide information on potential problems in the system. We will also discover the type of valve and parts needed to repair/replace, should the need arise.

Diane reviewed for us an on-site inspection report just received from NCDENR. The report in general was favorable with the exception of five findings that will need follow-up reports.

Jackie reviewed the tour taken along with Larry and Warren led by Jessie. We visited 13 connection sites of which 11 are non-compliant. Pictures were taken along with written notations. Jessie will be doing some research regarding what industries are required to have cross-connection assemblies installed. There was also some discussion regarding private wells and the need for cross-connect assemblies.

It was decided that a presentation be made to owners of the 11 non-compliant cross-connect assemblies regarding state requirements and what will be needed to come into compliance. The Town will look into the possibility of a state representative coming to

Oriental to make this presentation. A possible contact with Ed Riggs could shed more light on how to make this presentation.

Larry Summers will follow up on a potential WAB candidate (Steve Serjaent) for the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17 (T.B.D.).

At 2:46 P.M. Warren motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jackie – approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren N. Johnson