# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pascoag Reservoir / Echo Lake Dam Management District held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00p.m. (Canvassing started at 6:30) Held at: GLOCESTER SENIOR CENTER 1210 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814

**Board Members Present:**  Ron Girard, Steve Engle, Chad Dumouchelle, Paul Riendeau, Bud Leonhardt, James Giarrusso and Mark Farrar

**Board Members Absent** : none

**Others Attending:** Kris Tridenti – Treasurer

**Attendance:** Pascoag/Burrillville: Voting = 25

Attending = 3

Chepachet/Glocester: Voting = 13

Attending = 2

Total: Voting= 38 Total Attending =  **5**

**Agenda:**

# Review & Approval of Minutes from the August, 2022 Annual Meeting

Motion from the board to accept minutes, seconded from floor, all in favor.

# Financial Report

Presentation of Financial Report given by The Treasurer. Questions solicited from floor. Motion made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as presented. Financial Report accepted. Unanimous approval.

(Full report and management response available on [www.prdmd.org )](http://www.prdmd.org/)

# New Business

Proposed 2023-2024Budget reviewed by Bud Leonhardt, Questions solicited from room. All questioned from the floor answered to members satisfaction.

Motion made and seconded to accept the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Proposed Budget accepted. (See budget for details)

**Other Discussion**:

Dam fees will remain at 50$ for 2023

A motion from the floor was made to raise dam fees to $100.00 The motion was seconded by a board member but then was voted down on the floor by a simple yea or na vote. The motion was brought up because of the price of ongoing repairs to the dam to keep money in the bank account.

A member asked what happens if we do not have the money to pay for a catastrophic repair. Board answered that it would ask the town to float a bond or take out a loan on behalf of the members.

Questions and discussion broke out on who owns the dam and the floor of the lake, all questions were answered by the board to the best of our knowledge.

Questions from the floor on how we conduct water quality testing. The board explained to members satisfaction.

The solar project for the dam was explained to members for the charging of the batteries used to operate the dam. This system would also give us lighting inside the dam.

A member brought up the fact that a generator, that the board wanted to buy, was not a good idea; it probably would not start when we went to use it, and since all power tools are usually cordless, a generator is not a good idea and a waste of the members money.

Member ( Bob) asked how many meeting we have a year. Board answered required 4 and we meet at the town hall or library. The member then asked how he could know when they are, it was explained they are announced at the Secretary of State’s website and the Town of Burrillville and Glocester Town Hall. (10 days Prior to meeting)

Member (Jeff Newell) asked about how the board made out on the liability issue of a dam breach to the members from last years meeting. The board responded with the town really would not give an answer and we are hoping the town buys the dam to eliminate that chance. A board member who looked into it privately stated the best thing you can do is add an umbrella policy to your home owners insurance.

A heated debate broke out between a member (Gerry Lagesse) and a board of director member (Jim Giarrusso) on the need for an engineer to approve the project of Rip rap and Geogrid on the dam. The board explained that DEM has an Engineer that sites the dam and then gives the instructions on how they want it maintained. This is not a modification of the dam but a “like in kind” maintenance of the dam that is approved and checked by DEM and their engineer. If it is a modification of the dam then an engineer would defiantly need to be hired. The member continued to argue so he was instructed to check for himself with DEM.

A member asked if when we make the agenda we could add a line for open discussion.

# Election of the Board of Directors

-Elections for 2-year terms

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| **Town** | **Incumbent** | **1st Nomination** | **2nd Nomination** | **Final** |
| Glocester | James Giarrusso | x Bud | x Paul | unanimous |
| Burrillville | Stephen Engle | x Mark | x Paul | unanimous |
| Burrillville | Paul Riendeau | x Ron | x James | unanimous |
| Burrillville | Chad Dumouchelle | x Paul | x Ron | unanimous |

# Re-Organization of the Board of Directors

Ron motioned and Mark seconded to keep the Board of Directors as is, and all in favor on the board.

Bud Leonhardt – President

Jim Giarrusso – Vice President

Paul Riendeau – Secretary

Steve Engle - Collector

6. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by Bud Leonhardt at 7:58 p.m.

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