

**1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pascoag Reservoir / Echo Lake Dam Management District held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00p.m. (Canvassing started at 6:30) Held at: GLOCESTER SENIOR CENTER 1210 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 02814**

**Board Members Present:** Neil Esposito, Steve Engle, Chad Dumouchelle, Paul Riendeau, Steve Amaral, James Giarrusso and Mark Farrar

**Board Members Absent:** none.

**Others Attending:** Kris Tridenti – Treasurer

**Attendance:** Pascoag/Burrillville: Voting = 38  
Attending = 8  
Chepachet/Glocester: Voting = 18  
Attending = 8  
Total: Voting= 56  
Total Attending = 16

**Agenda:**

**2. Review & Approval of Minutes from the August 2024 Annual Meeting**

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

**3. Financial Report**

Presentation of Financial Report given by The Treasurer. Questions solicited from the 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) )

**4. New Business**

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget reviewed by The President, Questions solicited from room.

All questioned from the floor answered to members satisfaction.

Motion made and seconded to accept the 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Proposed Budget accepted. (See budget for details) Including dam fee at 75\$ per year for residents and \$50.00 a year per boat at both marinas.

**Other Discussion:**

- A) Proceed with the engineering inspection and evaluation of the West Dike.
- B) Continue repair on the trash rack supports. (with DEM approval)
- C) Explore options for a low-growth perennial ground cover for the dam and get approval from DEM.
- D) Determine if the \$65,000 budgeted for rip-rap work is necessary.
- E) Investigate the possibility of getting power to the dam area to aid in watering any new vegetation.
- F) The West dike issue is highlighted, with a bulge observed and engineering work budgeted for potential repairs.
- G) Discussions included the potential need for additional engineering work and the importance of having funds available for unexpected repairs. Jeff Newell proposed raising the Dam fee to \$250.00 per year
- H) Mark explains discusses the challenges of collecting late fees and the potential need to file liens against unpaid properties.
- I) The discussion includes the costs associated with legal action to collect late fees and the impact on property owners.
- J) Paul Riendeau leads the election of board members, with nominations and votes for various positions. Results listed below
- K) Former Member James Giarrusso abruptly walk out of meeting upon losing the election.

## 5. Election of the Board of Directors

-Elections for 2-year terms

Town	Incumbent	1 <sup>st</sup> Nomination	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nomination	Final
Glocester	James Giarrusso	Floor member	Floor member	9 votes
Burrillville	Paul Riendeau			Unopposed
Burrillville	Stephen Engle			Unopposed
Burrillville	Chad Dumouchelle			Unopposed

**New member: Bud Leonhardt was nominated and second for the Glocester position. He ran against James Giarrusso. Bud received 37 votes and defeated the incumbent James Giarrusso who only received 9 votes.**

## **6. Re-Organization of the Board of Directors**

Floor member motioned and Mark seconded to keep the Board of Directors as is, and Chad Dumouchelle would move to Vice President opening up the newly elected Bud Leonhardt as a member at Large.

Mark Farrar – President

Chad Dumouchelle– Vice President

Paul Riendeau – Secretary

Steve Engle - Collector

Neil Esposito - Member at large

Steve Amaral - Member at large

Bud Leonhardt- Member at large

**6. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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