

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pascoag Reservoir / Echo Lake Dam Management District held on Monday, August 19, 2024, 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, James Giarrusso and Mark Farrar

Board Members Absent: none.

Others Attending: Kris Tridenti – Treasurer

Attendance: Pascoag/Burrillville: Voting = 45
Attending = 2
Chepachet/Glocester: Voting = 10
Attending = 2
Total: Voting= 55
Total Attending = 4

Agenda:

2. Review & Approval of Minutes from the August 2023 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)

4. New Business

Proposed 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 Budget as presented. Proposed Budget accepted. (See budget for details) Including new dam fee at 75\$ per year.

Other Discussion:

The conversation revolved around various topics related to the management of the local dam, including the acceptance of meeting minutes, financial management, water testing, and communication. Speakers discussed ongoing maintenance projects, recent issues with access to the dam, and the replacement of riprap. They also touched on the importance of operating the dam in a manner consistent with its historic use.

- 1) **Mark discusses ongoing projects with the board, including riprap repair and structural steel repair.**
- 2) **Mark and Jim discuss issues with access to the dam, including securing an easement for equipment delivery. They explain to members repair of the spillway and ongoing maintenance projects, including vegetation control.**
- 3) **Mark discussed the budget for dam repairs, indemnification, and ownership of the dam. (Burrillville now own the dam)**
- 4) **The board faces ongoing issues with leakage on reservoir roadside, with engineering firm hiring possible in the future.**
- 5) **Mark discusses ownership of the lakebed and taxes with town officials.**
- 6) **Elections were announced to the members and results are listed below.**
- 7) **A recess was announced while Mark and Jim reviewed bylaws to make sure the election was done properly.**
- 8) **Neil Esposito was voted in to replace Ron Girard, Ron was thanked by the board for all his years of service.**
- 9) **Water testing was discussed, and a member explained that the RI board of health does test the lake. Another member also mentioned that Matt Trimble tests the water (401 203-9528) and sends reports to URI.**

5. Election of the Board of Directors

-Elections for 2-year terms

Town	Incumbent	1st Nomination	2nd Nomination	Final
Glocester				
Burrillville	Ron Girard	Floor member	Floor member	9 votes
Burrillville	Mark Farrar	Floor member	Floor member	All in Favor
Burrillville				

New members:

- 1) Neil Esposito (Burrillville) was nominated by members and defeated incumbent Ron Girard. The vote was 34 votes Neil 9 votes Ron. Neil Esposito is the new member representing Burrillville.**
- 2) Scott Amaral (Glocester) was nominated by members and was unanimously elected to fill the open seat for board member representing Glocester.**

6. 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.

Mark Farrar – President

Jim Giarrusso – Vice President

Paul Riendeau – Secretary

Steve Engle - Collector

Chad Dumouchelle- Member at large

Neil Esposito - Member at large

Scott Amaral - Member at large

6. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The Pascoag Reservoir Dam Management District will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation. Please contact the District Secretary at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting it. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling 401-651-4406.