

CORINNA WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES-August Monthly Meeting
September 5, 2024

The Corinna Water District Trustees met in the private library at the Stewart Library Building. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were Jim Louder, Bill Condon, Lois Jones: Town Manager, and Sandee Kerr: Secretary-Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bill Condon moved to approve the minutes of the July 25th meeting. Jim Louder seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account:	\$18,151.04	
Savings:	5.00	
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,110.60	
CD-71	\$19,100.70	Matures 12/29/24

OPERATOR'S REPORT:

The Operator's Reports for July and August were reviewed.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

-The plan for implementing Trio was discussed. The Town office personnel will work with Sandee to load information into the water utilities Trio program. It will be ready to use for the 2025 fiscal year.

-There will be a need for at least 2 trustees to be appointed by the Select Board in March of 2025. As it stands now, Jim Louder does not wish to be reappointed when his term ends in March, and Bill Condon intends to resign in March of 2025.

-There was discussion of the August 6th special meeting. Executive Director Kirsten Hebert and Brad Sawyer from the Maine Rural Water Association, Town Manager Lois Jones, Selectman Dennis Carr, CWD Trustee Chair Jim Louder, and Sec./Treas. Sandee Kerr were present to discuss the future of the water district if there is a failure to secure enough new trustees to provide for a quorum of 2 in order to conduct business. It was agreed that we should approach the Town of Corinna Select Board to explain that if a quorum of trustees is not appointed, a receiver would have to be appointed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. At the August 14th Select Board meeting, Lois and Jim presented them with this information. It was explained that since this could be very expensive, we would likely be asking the Select Board to consider becoming the receiver. The CWD will have to vote to officially ask them to consider becoming the receiver.

-Since a rate increase will likely be needed early in the 2025 year, there was a discussion of a draft budget for 2025. This budget will be needed as part of the documentation when we apply for a rate increase. It would be best to have this rate increase approved by the MPUC prior to March 2025.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS:

29 accounts are paid in full for 2nd quarter.

3 accounts remain unpaid.

WARRANT:

The August warrant was approved.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next monthly meeting will be September 26th at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35