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Minutes of Meeting #164 November 6, 2024

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 164th Meeting on November 6, 2024, in Augusta and via Zoom.

Present Were:

Members: Jeff LaCasse, Carol White, Matt Reynolds, Amy Lachance (DWP Director), and Jim Willis (Commission Clerk).

Non-members: David Welch, DWP, and Eric Gagnon

Members Not Present Were: Brian Tarbuck and Lee Worcester

Time: Carol called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

A. RECURRING BUSINESS:

- Approval of Minutes, Meeting #163, June 12, 2024
 - Minutes from the June 12, 2024, meeting were approved.
- SFY 2023 AFM Fee Collection Status – D. Welch
 - David Welch from the Drinking Water Program (DWP) updated the Commission on the collection status of the Alternate Funding Mechanism (AFM). To date, the DWP collection rate is slightly behind previous years.
 - David stated that we have made progress on collecting AFM from overdue systems that are three years behind or owe \$500 or more.
 - David also stated we are still working on online credit card payments for AFM.
- DWP Financial Report – D. Welch
 - David presented current financial information showing that spending is slightly below target according to budget. David did state that we will have to look at increasing AFM fees next year. The DWC will discuss fee increases at the next meeting.
- DWP General Updates (DWSRF, Staffing, PFAS, Lead Testing in Schools)
 - Current staffing and hiring challenges were discussed.
 - Amy gave an update on the Lead service line inventory project required of water systems.
- Legislation and Rulemaking Update

- Amy gave an update on DWP rule-making process for the adoption of the new federal PFAS Rule. There was discussion on AFM Fee language in the proposed rules, but no modifications were proposed.
- 2023 Public Drinking Water Commission Annual Report
 - Discussion of the Drinking Water Commission Annual Report summary.
 - Discussion on the upcoming meeting with DHHS Commissioner Sara Gagne-Holmes.
- DWC Membership Update
 - No new updates as of this meeting.
- Public Water System Items for Discussion-Public Comment
 - None

Meeting Dates for 2025

- TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM.