

The monthly meeting of the Caribou Utilities District was held Wednesday, June 14, 2023 in the City Council Chambers located at 25 High Street, Caribou, Maine

Trustees Present;

Gary Aiken, President

David Martin, Treasurer

Philip McDonough, Asst Treas.

Jam Kamm, Trustee

Absent; David Belyea, Trustee

Others Present;

Hugh Kirkpatrick, General Manager

Sue T. Sands, Office, Mgr. Clerk

Tim Todd, Citizen

Penny Thompson, City Manager

President Gary Aiken opened the meeting at 6:08 P.M. Philip McDonough moved and David Martin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 monthly meeting. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Trustee Jay Kamm questioned account # 650.6 for the water division. Sue explained that \$19,905.57 was spent in February for repair of the wastewater jet/vac truck. The water and wastewater division split the cost of this repair. Fuel for vehicles, furnace repairs as well as miscellaneous vehicle expenses would also be included in this line item. Philip McDonough moved and Jay Kamm seconded the motion to approve the budget and financial reports as presented. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Sue discussed the \$200,000.00 Line of Credit (LOC) with Katahdin Trust Company which will mature June 30, 2023. Philip McDonough moved and David Martin seconded the motion to renew the LOC for another year with a maturity date of June 2024. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

The Manager's report from Hugh Kirkpatrick is attached. The trustees asked Manager Kirkpatrick to review the Timber Growth Management Program with the State before a local wood cutter is hired to harvest wood on the River Road.

Sue discussed funds she would like to transfer from The County Federal Credit Union and Katahdin Trust Company to go into 6 and 12-month CD's. \$105,000.00 will be transferred from a wastewater CD maturing 06/22/2023 into a CD at TD Bank for 12 months at an interest rate of 5.2%. \$60,000.00 will be transferred from a contingency account from the water division at Katahdin Trust to go into a 6-month CD at TD Bank with an interest rate of 5.39%.

President Aiken had several questions regarding the Fiber Project. He felt if the project were to continue, only the core area of the city of Caribou should be offered the proposed internet service rather than the whole city. After much discussion, Mr. Aiken suggested a survey be sent to monthly water/wastewater customers along with their monthly water bills asking if they would support the current Broadband/Fiber Project the District has developed. Trustee Jay Kamm made a motion authorizing Manager Kirkpatrick the ability to send a survey to all billed water and wastewater customers in the core area of the City asking if they would support the broadband/fiber project the District has developed, or if they would stay with their existing provider. Gary Aiken seconded the motion. Gary Aiken and Jay Kamm voted in favor of the survey, and David Martin and Philip McDonough were opposed to the survey. Trustee McDonough felt the survey was unfair to the rural residents of Caribou since the scope of the broadband/fiber project offered by the District originally would serve the unserved and underserved first, and now it would be changed to offer the service only to the core area of the City. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at 25 High Street.

Sue T. Sands, Office Manager, District Clerk