

# Tri-Town Water District No. 1 Emergency Commission Meeting MARCH 31, 2026

Chairman Darwin Pratt called meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Commissioners present were: Darwin Pratt, Steve Kayhart, Ernie Audet, Drexel Wheeler, Lance Wood, Adam Thomann, Scott Douglas and Brian Treadway.

Also present was: Dwayne Roberts, and Jennifer Sullivan from Tri-Town Water.

O.C.E – Robert Clark – Contract with OCE for the 4<sup>th</sup> filter project:

- Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering present to discuss the contract he left that covers upcoming projects. Line items were discussed noting that the \$1.35 million is split for the 3<sup>rd</sup> filter (\$400k) and the 4<sup>th</sup> filter (\$900k). Discussion followed around specific line items and expected timeline.
- Ernie made a motion to engage Otter Creek Engineering for the upcoming projects with an estimated cost as outlined in the contract based on OCE qualifications; seconded by Drexel. All in favor – motion passed unanimously.
- Further discussion around the upcoming projects and timeline noting:
  - Do not need to upgrade electrical
  - Intent is for five more years with other two filters then do them – if water quality improves
  - Issue is summer months – need to cut the load down
  - Federal projects require items to be made in the USA and higher wage rates
  - Waiver for sole source has been filed; will need to follow procurement policy
  - Intent is to have project out to bid in June with the project starting in November
  - EPA documents need to be uploaded to Grants.gov
  - Can add to the bid the need for chlorine analyzers and turbidity meter
  - Not enough room to expand within existing building. With increase in demand, will need a second plan in the next 25 years
  - Capital plan was last done in 2018. Need to focus on:
    - East St
    - Piping system
    - Water loss
  - Master meter can be added to the project plan

There being no further business, Chairman Darwin Pratt adjourned the meeting at 9:52 am.

Kindest Regards, *Jennifer Sullivan*-Jennifer Sullivan-Clerk