



**Leino Park Water District (LPWD)**  
**Special District Meeting - December 7, 2019**

1. **The Special District Meeting was called to order:** December 7, 2019 at 10:02 am.
  - **Board Members present:** Water Commissioners: Dave Crumbley (DC), Bob Marien (BM), Bob Brown (BB); Treasurer: Derek Knerr (DK); Clerk/Moderator: Amie Robillard (AR).
  - **Other District Members present:** 19.
  - **District Households represented:** The 24 attendees represented 18 District households.
  - **Guests present:** none
  
2. **The Warrant, as posted was read in entirety by the Clerk/Moderator.**
  
3. **A motion was made by the Treasurer:**
  - “That the District appropriates \$1,100,000 to be expended by the District Commissioners, to pay costs of engineering and undertaking bridge repairs, which repairs will result in the replacement of the existing structure, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the District Commissioners, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(19), c. 398 of the Acts of 1985, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor. The District Commissioners are authorized to assess betterments to pay costs of this project in accordance with the General Laws. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.”
  
4. **The motion was seconded:**
  - The Treasurer explained the reason for the meeting and the required vote.
  - The Treasurer then answered questions about the project, financing, the expected construction timeline, and anticipated payments.
    - A question was raised about the loans interest rate and explained that it is unknown, yet competitive. A question was asked about the town of Westminster’s involvement; they have essentially absolved themselves of the bridge replacement and the costs associated. It was asked what it would take to get the Town involved; explanation was given to what LPWD Board had already done regarding discussions with Senator Tran’s office and the need to petition the town. History has proved to be unsuccessful in getting Town assistance and the time and costs associated outweighs any possibility.
    - Further discussion centered on the size of the new bridge and its ability to handle emergency vehicles and other large trucks.
    - Discussion about the cost of the bridge resulted in an explanation that with a \$1.1 million dollar loan, it will cost each household approximately \$825/year for 40 years. If property is sold, the loan will transfer. If someone would like to make an outright one-time payment, it would result in about \$17,000 + 1<sup>st</sup> year’s interest.
    - Town plowing will continue after the new bridge is constructed.
    - There will be scheduled, regular maintenance associated with the new bridge and the maintenance fees will continue as we are familiar with currently.

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- A question was asked about the timeframe of the project; explanation was given that once financing is finalized, the work can be done for bidding which should be late winter (Feb/March), permitting could happen in the spring, and then construction would begin late summer. This is all if everything continues moving forward as it should.
- Question was posed about the access on Honeybee Lane; taking ownership of Honeybee Lane and developing it into a 2 lane, passable road is more costly than constructing a new bridge. The current owner is aware of our project and is not interested in updating the road to blacktop.
- Question asking about the likelihood of our bonds being purchased; the likelihood is good considering our history is positive, we have no debt, and the treasurer has followed all appropriate steps during the application process.
- Discussion was had about the new bridge being constructed out of timber versus steel; the lifespan of the new bridge should be 75-100 years. Whereas our current bridge had a lifespan of 35+/- years, and we are probably 30 years passed that now. We can thank our volunteers for getting us to this point, and for doing such a commendable job maintaining the bridge as often as they do.
- There were no changes to the motion.

**5. The motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously:**

- All 24 in favor.
- None opposed.
- No abstentions.

**6. Adjournment:** at 10:30am.

Respectively submitted,  
Amie Robillard - Clerk/Moderator